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## [Kaerte van Sluys, Het Zwin, Ende de Schansen aen weder Syden . . . 1627

**Stock#:** 99169  
**Map Maker:** Visscher  
**Date:** 1627  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 17.75 x 14.25 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Detailed depiction of the area around Sluis in the southwestern part of Zeeland, published by Visscher in 1627.

The area depicted held both military and mercantile significance during the Eighty Years' War. The map's legend, as detailed in the text boxes, elucidates various key features of the region's defenses. For instance, the first text box provides an explanation from the perspective of the Spanish Crown, including:

1. A new fortification, constructed amid the dunes to facilitate the creation of a harbor, marking a significant effort to bolster maritime defenses and control access to the inland via sea routes.
2. The mention of newly dug channels ("Vaerten") that were guarded by redoubts, strategic fortifications used to protect the main fortress or to control important ground.
3. The 'Old Zwin' canal, deepened and widened, indicating an adaptation of existing waterways for improved military and commercial use, thereby enhancing the defensive posture of the area.

The second text box offers insights from the side of the Dutch Republic, which may include:

1. Positions of warships stationed to guard against Spanish fleets, demonstrating the active maritime defense employed by the Dutch.
2. A large and strong redoubt staffed with experienced soldiers, which would have been a key point in the defensive line against the Spanish forces.
3. The allocation of housing for soldiers, reflecting the permanent military presence required to



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maintain the defense of the territory.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand color.