



One of the most decorative maps of Bermuda

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Le Colonie Unite delle America Settentr.le di Nouva Projezione...; Le Isole Bermuda.

Venice, 1778. Original colour. 325 x 435mm.

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The title-sheet of a twelve-sheet map of the United States, with Bermuda shown on a trompe-l'oeil scroll. Bermuda has an interesting cartographic error. The first authoritative map of Bermuda was compiled by Norwood in 1622 and published by John Speed in 1627. Behind the main map Norwood superimposed the coastline of New England and Virginia to show the relative position of Bermuda. Although Zatta has dropped this mainland from his map he has retained the small Bermuda, mistaking it for another island in the chain. This confirms that Zatta's source for this map was over a century old!

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