



17th century map of the European colonies on the Eastern Seaboard

JANSSON, Jan.
 Nova Anglia Novum Belgium et Virginia.

Amsterdam, c.1636, Latin text. Original colour. 390 x 505mm.

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This first state of Jansson's map of the Eastern Seaboard, from Nova Scotia south to 'C. of Feare' (a misnamed Cape Lookout), is based on the 1630 map by Johannes De Laet and Hessel Gerritsz. As a director of the Dutch West India Company, De Laet was privy to the latest discoveries in America, so he was responsible for the first appearance on a printed map of 'Manhattes' (Manhattan), 'N.Amsterdam' (New York, founded 1626), and 'Massachusets' (1620). Inland is a 'Grand Lac', which Karpinski states is the first depiction of a complete Lake Superior, but Burden believes is more likely to be Lake Huron. In 1647 a second state had a new title 'Nova Belgica et Anglia Nova' with a new cartouche and vignette animals inland. This map often appears on paper of inferior quality, due to competition from Blaeu, so frequently needs restoration.

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