



Chart of the early attempts to find the North West Passage

COLOM, Jacob Aertz.

Paskaert van de Noordekyckste kuste Van America van Groenland door de Straet Davis en de Straet Hudson tot Terra Neuf.

Amsterdam: Jacob & Caspar Theunitsz (Lootsman), c.1680. Coloured. 430 x 540mm.

£950

A scarce 17th century Dutch sea chart of the American Arctic, showing the west coast of Greenland, Newfoundland and Labrador, Hudson Bay and Baffin Bay. The plethora of English names reflect their drive to find a route to the Far East that avoided the Spanish and Portuguese. Greenland is crossed by the erroneous 'Frobisher's Strait'. Originally published by Colom in 1668, this example of the second state has the Theunitsz brothers' names and a plate number bottom right. A third state was issued in 1705.

BURDEN: 399, state 2 of 3.

Stock ID :22740