



First State Of Doncker's Chart Of California As An Island

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Additional Information

Cartographer	DONCKER, Hendrik.
Date	1659
Extra Info	Pascaart vertoonende de Zeecusten van Chile, Peru, Hispania Nova, Nova Granada, en California.
Publication	Amsterdam, 1659. Original colour with later additions, with gold highlights. 435 x 540mm.
Condition	A fine example.
References	See KOEMAN Don 2 for the first atlas issue, in 'De Zee Atlas Of Water-Waerelt...'

Product Description

The first state of this impressive chart of the west coast of America, which was updated the following year to show the Caribbean coast of Central America. Orientated with north to the left, it shows from a promontory called 'Aguebela de Cato' just north of California south to near Arica in Chile. However it is for its representation of California that this chart is so important, as it 'depicts California as an island on a larger scale than any earlier sea chart' (Burden). Insets show two other great cartographical mysteries: the partial outline of Tasmania, according to Tasman; and the mythical island of Yedso to the north of Japan. A third insert shows the islands around the Ladrones.