



*NOVA ET RECENTIORUM TERRARUM ET REGNORUM CALIFORNICÆ, NOVI FLIPPIANÆ, MEXICANÆ, ET PERUVIÆ, UNA CUM EXACTA ABSOLUTAQ; ORARUM SINUS MEXICANI, AD INSULAM CUBAM USQ; OCEANUM MARIS AUSTRALIS DELINEATIO*

**Cartographer:** Gabriel Tatton; Benjamin Wright

**Date:** 1600-1616

**Size:** 21.25 x 16.25 inches

**Description:** This map of the southern part of North America and of Central America was engraved by Benjamin Wright, a celebrated English engraver who lived in Holland and Italy and made maps for foreign publishers; Gabriel Tatton also was an Englishman. Though both designer and engraver were English, that the map was not primarily designed for English users may be supposed by the lack of English legends and omission of Virginia and the Roanoke region from the map. The Florida area on the map follows Ortelius-Chiaves 1584 closely except for coastal names such as *R. S. Mathio* for the lower reaches of the *R. Seco*, which are derived from later Spanish sources. Tatton may have taken the legend placed in the mountain range to the extreme northeast, *Mons Apallaci in quo aurum et argentum est*, from the Le Moyne map of 1591 (#431). The map is beautifully designed and is a skillful composite of information from various other cartographical documents.

The date 1600 which is on one of the Library of Congress copies of the map has been changed on the other by the erasure of the two zeros and the re-engraving of "16." The 1616 date is also found on the John Carter Brown and Streeter copies. Another map

engraved by Benjamin Wright, also dated 1600, similar in technical workmanship and using paper of the same size and crossed-arrow watermarks, is attributed to G[abriel] Tatton as the author: *Maris Pacifici, quod uulgo Mar del zur cum regionibus Circumiacentibus, insulisque in eodem passf Sparsis, nouissfma descriptio, G. Tattonus Auct. 1600* I Benjamin Wright Anglus coelator. Size: 23 x 19. Although the interest of this map is centered on the Pacific, as the title indicates, the Florida-Carolina coast has considerable detail. Copies of this map are in the Library of Congress, John Carter Brown, and Harvard. Several manuscript maps of America by Gabriel Tatton are extant, including one in the Florence National Library which extends to "Virginia" and "Norumbega".

#### References:

Cumming, W.P., *The Southeast in Early Maps*, Plate 19, pp. 128-129.

Wagner, H. R. *The Cartography of the Northwest Coast*. Berkeley, Cal., 1937, II, Nos. 218, 269, 217.

*The World Encompassed*. Baltimore, 1952, No. 235. Plate LI

**Copies:** Congress, two copies; John Carter Brown; Harvard; Thomas W. Streeter, Morristown, New Jersey.

