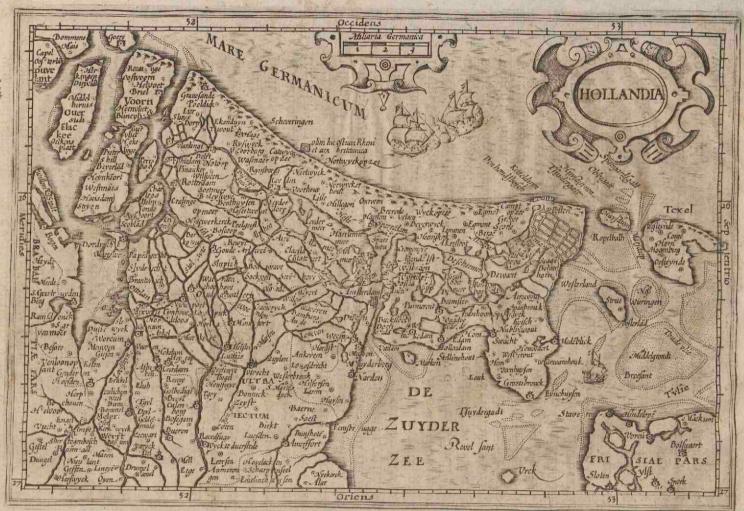


## Hollandia

Kaart van Holland, Jodocus Hondius sr., 1607 (1635)

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ber of Conies. Also great store of Harts, Does, Hares; and in the Hagiensian wood there are heards of Goates, and great store of fowle especially Duckes. Also Geese, and inharvest time Woodcockes which we call Snipes There are excellent turfes, which being digged out of the earth, and drawne out of the water, and so dryed in the wind and funne; doe make very good fuell. There were heretofore Kings of Holland, of which Suetonius maketh mention in Caligula, cap. 44. But in the yeare of Christ 868 Charles the bald, King of France, reduced it into a Countie, and Theodore being descended of the royall stocke, was governour thereof. After Theodore the father there fucceeded Theodore, the sonne, and after him Arnold, and after Ara nold Theodoricke, and others after him, of whom you may have a Ca-Their ancient talogue, in Munster and others. They were heretofore very famous for matters of warre, fo that the Batavians were joyned in fraternitie and amitie with the Romaine Empire. And heereby they got the goodwill of other Princes. Now wee are to describe the Citties: which are Dordretch, Harlem, Delpth, Leyden, Amsterdam, Gouda, Naerdenum, Muda, Wesopum, Edamam, Monachodamum, Purmerenda, Almeria, Euchuy fa, Horna, &c. Dordretch is the chiefe Cittie of Holland. The figure of it is long like a Gallie, it is very rich and plentifull, and a Granarie or Storehouse for corne and all other provision. It hath outlandish commodities brought up the River unto it, and there layd in warehouses untill they be solde: and are carryed from thence againe in Hoyes. This Priviledge of storing of goods they call a staple. Harlem is anoble Towne, both for the largenesse of the Cittie, the fairenesse of the houses, and the pleasantnesse of the situation. It hath the fairest Church in all Holland, being built on strong Pillars by the market place. The River Sparnus glideth by the Cittie. It is thought it was built by the Frifians, about the yeare 506. In this Cittie the Art of Printing was invented. Another honour of this Cittie was the taking of Pelusium by a new device, which they call Damiata, and in remembrance thereof, they have two facring bells of brasse, which they call are Damiata. Next followes Delpth which is famous not for Apolloes Tripos or Trevet, but for plenty of wine and corne. For the best beere is brew'd in this Cittle except it be English beere. It is so called from a Ditch, which the Batavians call Delph, which is brought from Mosaeven to the Cittie. In the yeere a thousand five hundred 36, on the Nones of May, the beauty of it was much blemished by fire, and the better part of the Cittie was burnt down; but afterward it was built up againe more faire than before. Leyden which Ptolomie calls Lugdunum Batavorum, is a Cittie situate at the middle of the mouth of the River Rhene. It sustain'd and held out in the yere 1574 a grievous seige, but at last it was freed. and the enemies were enforced by the overflowing of the waters to raise their seige. Amsterdam is the noblest Mart Towne in all the world, it is so named from the River Amstela, as the learned Poet Nicolas Cannius hath noted, being a Cittizen of Amsterdam, in these verses.