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[Denmark and Southern Sweden] Danorum Marca, vel Cimbricum, aut Daniae Regnum . .. M. D. LXXXV.

Stock#: 91201
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1585
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 15 inches
Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

Nice example of Braun & Hogenberg's map of Denmark, the first printed map of Denmark based upon Danish sources.

The map shows Denmark with Holstein and Zealand with Bornholm in the east. Decorated with three cartouches, the coat of arms of Denmark, two whales and a sailing boat. This is the first state, with the date in Roman numerals in the bottom right of the title cartouche. The date would be removed in later states.

Drawn by Marcus Jordan at the request of Duke Heinrich Rantzau, viceroy of Schleswig-Holstein. This map of Denmark is the only map which appeared in Braun & Hogenberg's landmark book of city views *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, one of the most expensive and important books of the 16th Century. It is the only real geographical map in a work that is expressly intended as a city atlas. The editors offer it as an overview of the cities that are presented subsequently.

They include Denmark, Schleswig-Holstein, Zelandia and the southern part of Sweden, which was part of Denmark until 1658. Drawn by Marcus Jordan, the map is dedicated to Count Heinrich von Rantzau the Danish governor in Schleswig-Holstein and includes his coat of arms flanked by Athena and Ares in the lower right-hand corner. Rantzau was an acquaintance of Georg Braun and provided him with a large number of documents with views of the northern cities.



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This finely engraved map is embellished with sea monsters, a sailing ship, coat of arms and an allegorical scene suggesting Denmark's importance in exploration and military strength.

Detailed Condition: