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### Hispaniae Descriptio

**Stock#:** 94999  
**Map Maker:** Luchini  
**Date:** 1559  
**Place:** Rome  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** Good  
**Size:** 22 x 17.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 14,500.00



#### Description:

##### *First State of Luchini's Map of Spain*

A magnificent example of the first state, of three.

The map of the Iberian Peninsula by Vincenzo Luchini, based on the Virko Paletin model. The map is a faithful copy of the "Nova Hispania Descriptio" by Hieronimus Cock, published in Antwerp in 1553, in turn based on the work by Paletin.

In fact, the map has more in common with the Cock map. Both are engraved on copper and both have the same scale of miles and a large cartouche with the imperial shield of Charles V.

The copper plate was certainly in possession of Claudio Duchetti (probably through Lafreri in whose catalog a map of Spain is listed) and subsequently inherited by Giacomo Gherardi. The work, in fact, is included in the catalog drawn up on behalf of the widow Quintilia Lucidi (17-19 October 1598, n ° 418) where it is described as "doi fogli reali della spagna reale".

The plates were purchased by Giovanni Orlandi in 1602, which reprints them with the addition of his own address, and finally by the Flemish Hendrick van Schoel, author of a further edition which still bears the date of 1602 (but published after 1614).

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### Hispaniae Descriptio

*"Spain, which also [divides as] Iberia into the farther and nearer [parts], contains these provinces in the nearer [part]: Castile, Baetica which is now Andalusia, Cantabria or Biscay, Navarre, Asturias, and the portion which is now Portugal of Lusitania. Indeed, the nearer [part], which is part of Tarraconensis, contains the kingdoms of Aragon, Valencia, Catalonia."*

### Rarity

This the first state of three. All states are extremely rare.

### **Detailed Condition:**

Restoration at the right side of the map, with reinstatement of decorative features, including the double headed eagle coat of arms.