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Isola D'Elba, Gia detta, Ilva, et Aethalia Descritta . . .

Stock#: 34797
Map Maker: Coronelli
Date: 1690 circa
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.5 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of this scarce map of the island of Elba, off the coast of Tuscany, showing topographical features, fortifications and place names.

A fine separate map of the Island of Elba, which would become famous for being Napoleon's first home in exile. Following the Treaty of Fontainebleau, French emperor Napoleon I was exiled to Elba after his forced abdication in 1814. He arrived to Portoferraio (the primary fortifications noted on this map) on May 3, 1814. He was allowed to keep a personal guard of six hundred men. Although he was nominally sovereign of Elba, the island was patrolled by the British Royal Navy. After 300 days on Elba, he returned to France for 100 days, before meeting defeat again at Waterloo and a second exile.

Vincenzo Coronelli apprenticed as a Xylographer, before joining the Conventual Franciscans in 1665. In about 1678, after studying Astronomy and Euclid, Coronelli began working as a geographer and was commissioned to make a set of Terrestrial and Celestial Globes for Ranuccio II Farnese, the Duke of Parma which were 5 feet in diameter. Coronelli was next invited to Rome to construct a similar pair of Globes for Louis XIV. From 1681 to 1683, Coronelli lived in Paris, where he constructed a pair of 10 foot diameter globes for the King, at a weight of nearly 4000 pounds.

The fame and importance of Coronelli's globe led to the production of a 42 inch diameter globe in 1688, for which complete examples of which reside in a number of major institutional collections around the world. Separate globe gore sheets from this famous globe periodically appear on the market. Coronelli worked for a number of years as a Geographer and Theologian, before returning to Venice in 1705, where he published his *Atlante Veneto* and *Corso Geographico* and founded the *Accademia Cosmografica degli*



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Detailed Condition: