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Middelburgum, Selandiae Opp: Situ, Opere, et Mercimoniis, Florentiss:

Stock#: 41959mp2
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1575
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 12.5 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Fine early birdseye view of the Island of Middelburg.

From Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the most important book of town plans and views published in the 16th century.

This bird's-eye view from the southeast shows the capital of Zeeland province, on the Island of Walcheren. The favourable geographical location and an import monopoly on spices, silk cloth and French wines led to Middelburg being granted a town charter as early as 1217, and in the 16th century it was a prosperous trading city with a population of 30,000. The influential Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie (VOC) had 336 ships built here between 1602 and 1795. The splendid town hall (Stadhuis), built in the late Gothic style under Charles the Bold, can be identified on the market square. In front of it stands the Onze-Lieve-Vrouwe abbey with the Choir Church (Koorkerk) dating from around 1300 with its 85-m-high tower, "De Lange Jan".

Detailed Condition:

Old color. Minor soiling and marginal repairs on verso.