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(Poland) La Pomerania divisa in citeriore o reale, che spetta alla corona di Suezia et in ulteriore o ducale che appartiene all'elettore di Brandeburgo e subdivisa nelle parti principali che la compongono

Stock#: 68075
Map Maker: Rossi / Cantelli da Vignola
Date: 1689
Place: Rome
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 22.5 x 17 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

"Why would you not live without your joyous protector, O Pomerania, region that justly mourns the loss of its Palatine?"

A scarce map of Pomerania, stretching along the coast from present-day eastern Germany to the outskirts of Gdansk in modern Poland. To the south, the map nearly reaches Berlin. The map is detailed, showing many rivers, towns, place names, political divisions, and more. The map includes two decorative cartouches and a scale bar.

Pomerania was bitterly fought over during the Scanian War, waged between the Holy Roman Empire and Denmark-Norway against Sweden and France. During a prolonged campaign, Sweden initially tried to invade Brandenburg-Pomerania but ended up losing Swedish Pomerania instead. The region became part of the Holy Roman Empire for several years, but Fredrick William I was forced to cede his gains in Pomerania at the end of the war in the 1679 Treaty of Saint-Germain-En-Laye. Pomerania would again change hands many times in the half-century after this map was made.

The cartouche in the bottom left of the map is very intriguing. In it, Rossi addresses Pomerania, personifying the province, and refers to the recent political upheavals in the region. He states that despite the recent changes in territory, his "geographic Mercury" dictates that he shall portray it all as part of the V. E., perhaps a reference to the Holy Roman Empire. He himself "bows" to this entity. This almost certainly refers to the Treaty of Saint-Germain-En-Laye. The cartouche also dedicates itself to Domenico



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Maria Corsi, Cardinal of Romagna. Rossi is evidently trying to gain favor here, though the relation between Cardinal Corsi and Pomeranian politics is uncertain, as there are no obvious religious or political implications.

Detailed Condition:

Some faint manuscript notations in right margin.