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**[Rhine, Waal & Meuse / Maas Rivers] Tractus Rheni et Mosae totusque Vahalis à
Rhenoberca Gorcomium usque cum turris adjacentibus ducatus Cliviae regno
Noviomagensi et Bommelerwaer . . .**

Stock#: 99171
Map Maker: Blaeu

Date: 1630 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Stunning full original color example of Blaeu's two part map of the course of the Rhine, Waal & Meuse Rivers, first published in 1630.

"Detailed map of a stretch of Western Europe's most influential rivers: the Rhine, Meuse, and Waal, from Rheinberg to Gorinchem, including adjacent territories of the Duchy of Cleves, the Kingdom of Nijmegen, and the Bommelerwaard. This map by Willem Janszoon Blaeu encapsulates the intertwined waterways and regional power in the 17th century.

The map's significance emanates from its detailed representation of a region that was central to the economic and military strategies of European powers. The Rhine and Meuse rivers were crucial trade arteries that facilitated the flow of goods and culture between the hinterlands of Europe and its coastal ports. The inclusion of the Waal reflects its importance as a tributary of the Rhine, cementing the region's role as a conduit for commerce and sustenance. The cartographic precision exemplified in this map was paramount for navigators and merchants during an era when river trade was a cornerstone of economic prosperity.

The territories marked—Duchy of Cleves, the Kingdom of Nijmegen, and the Bommelerwaard—are depicted with a high degree of accuracy and detail, reflective of their strategic import and contested sovereignties. The Duchy of Cleves was particularly significant during the period, often caught in the



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ambitions of larger powers due to its position and resources. The Kingdom of Nijmegen, with its rich history dating back to the Roman era, was a focal point of cultural and political influence. Meanwhile, Bommelerwaard, a river island in the province of Gelderland, represented the intricate relationships between land management, water control, and regional jurisdiction, which were central preoccupations in the Dutch Republic.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand color.