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(Peter Paul Rubens) Excellentis. Dns: D. Petrus Paulus Rubenius, pictorum Apelles

Stock#: 104701
Map Maker: Hollar
Date: 1644 circa - 1652
Place: n.p. (Antwerp)
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 8.6 x 10.25 inches Full Sheet
Price: \$ 395.00



Description:

This etching by Wenceslaus Hollar features a detailed portrait of Peter Paul Rubens, one of the most illustrious painters of the Baroque era. Rubens is depicted bust-length, facing slightly to the left, wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a cloak with a large collar. His attire is typical of the 17th century, emphasizing his status and sophistication. The portrait is framed by elaborate decorative elements, including scrolls, foliage, and artistic tools like a palette and brushes, symbolizing Rubens' profession as a painter. The print was published by Frans van den Wyngaerde.

The inscription below the image reads:

"Excellentiss. Dns: D. PETRVS PAVLVS RVBENIVS, pictorum Apelles, decus huius seculi, Orbis miraculum, Aulam Hispanicam, Gallicam, Anglicam, Belgicam, penicillo suo illustravit. Quem gladio cinxit Philippus Quartus Hispaniarum Rex, et Equit: hui a S: Xaverio in Sanctæ Aulæ suæ Cenatio Bruxellensi, et



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ad Regem Angliæ Legatum Extraordinarium misit."

This inscription highlights Rubens' excellence and reputation as a painter, comparing him to Apelles of Kos, the renowned ancient Greek painter. It also mentions his influence and recognition in the courts of Spain, France, England, and Belgium, and his knighthood conferred by King Philip IV of Spain.

Detailed Condition:

Etching on laid paper. Large margins.