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Theatrum Belli Rhenani Auspiciatis Militiae Primitis Potentissimi Roman et Hunga Regis Iosephi I. Pii Felicis Augusti Landvio Gloriose Expugnato Apertum 10 Septemb. Anno M DCCII. . . .

Stock#: 105267
Map Maker: Homann
Date: 1720
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19 x 22 inches
Price: \$ 275.00



Description:

This map offers a detailed depiction of the Rhine River from its source to its mouth, featuring two elaborate cartouches. The map highlights significant geographical and political features of the Rhine and its surrounding regions during the early 18th century, particularly emphasizing the events of the War of the Spanish Succession (1701-1714).

The central focus of the map is the Rhine River, shown winding through key territories such as Alsace, Lorraine, and the Palatinate. Major cities along the Rhine, including Cologne (Köln), Mainz, Strasbourg (Straßburg), and Bonn, are prominently marked. The river's tributaries, the Moselle (Mosel) and the Main, are also depicted, providing a comprehensive view of the region's waterways.

The upper right cartouche, adorned with classical motifs and figures, details the military achievements of Joseph I, Holy Roman Emperor, celebrating the capture of the fortified city of Landau on September 10, 1702. This victory was a significant event during the War of the Spanish Succession, where Allied forces



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sought to prevent the unification of the Spanish and French crowns under the Bourbon dynasty.

The lower left cartouche features an inset map detailing the sources of the Rhine River, emphasizing the river's importance and the precise delineation of territorial boundaries. Surrounding this inset are allegorical figures representing the river gods of the Rhine and the Moselle, symbolizing the rivers' significance in the region's geography and commerce.

The map's intricate details and artistic elements not only provide a geographical representation but also serve as a historical record of the political and military context of the early 18th century. The depiction of Landau under siege, with troops and fortifications visible, offers a visual narrative of the warfare tactics and the strategic importance of the city.

Detailed Condition: