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[Manuscript Map] Pianta dimostrativa li Territori dello Stato Romano Occupati dall' Armata di Apruzzo per S.M. Siciliana (D.I.) Sotto gli Ordini del Comandte D. Giovanni Salomone

Stock#: 23277
Map Maker: Tanchi
Date: 1799 circa
Place: n.p.
Color: Pen & Ink with Wash Color
Condition: VG
Size: 25 x 18.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Magnificent manuscript map showing the Theater of War in the Provinces of Sabina and Umbria, and extending to Rome in the South.

The map illustrates the Army of Abruzzo's efforts to retake Rome from the French-Napoleonic controlled



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Roman Republic, led by General Giovanni Salomne, under the direction of Ferdinando IV of Borbone, King of Naples, beginning in 1798. The map shows the Theater of War in which the forces led by Salomone conducted what was described as guerilla style warfare against the occupying forces, illustrating the road to Rome from Sabina.

The map was drawn by Francesco Maria Tanchi, then serving as an aid-de-Campe to General Salamone. Tanchi would later rise to the level of Field Marshal. The most notable feature of the map is the magnificent watercolor vignette, showing the Siege of Rieti by Salomone's force, from December 1798 to May 1799, which was apparently drawn by Tanchi.

During the period of the Roman Republic in 1798, Rieti was considered as an Urban District included in the Department of Clitunno, with the chief town Spoleto. When Napoleon departed for Egypt, the Neapolitans attempted to reassert power and to restore the Pope, but after reaching Rome, the poorly executed effort quickly failed. After the fall of the Roman republic and with the reinstatement of the papal government, Rieti was annexed to Sabina and became the seat of the governor-general. The second French invasion and the proclamation of the empire saw Rieti becoming a part of Tevere Department, with Rome as its capital and as the seat of Subprefecture.

Detailed Condition:

Minor fold splits reinforced on verso and a few minor fold intersection breaks. Minor thinness and loss near coat of arms.