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L'Isle de Malthe Et celles de Goze et de Comino, Avec leurs ou Ports, leurs Toursou Vedetes, qu'ils nomment Casati et leurs Precipices qu'ils appellant Redum . . . 1722

Stock#: 28004
Map Maker: de Fer
Date: 1722
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of De Fer's decorative map of Malta.

The map includes a tremendous amount of topographical detail, along with approximately 75 coats of arms of the Grand Masters of the Order of the Knights of St. John, dating back to the founding of the Order in 1050.

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta (SMOM), is a Roman Catholic lay religious order, traditionally of military, chivalrous, noble nature. It is the world's oldest surviving order of chivalry. The Sovereign Military Order of Malta is headquartered in Rome, Italy, and is widely considered a sovereign subject of international law.

SMOM is the modern continuation of the original medieval order of Saint John of Jerusalem, known as the Knights Hospitaller, a group founded in Jerusalem about 1050 as an Amalfitan hospital to provide care for poor and sick pilgrims to the Holy Land. After the conquest of Jerusalem in 1099 during the First Crusade, it became a military order under its own charter. Following the loss of Christian held territories of the Holy Land to Muslims, the Order operated from Rhodes (1310-1523), and later from Malta (1530-1798), over which it was sovereign.

Although this state came to an end with the ejection of the Order from Malta by Napoleon, the Order as such survived. It retains its claims of sovereignty under international law and has been granted permanent observer status at the United Nations.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling in Sicily