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## Landkaart van Klein Asie door Dr. Richard Pococke (shows Cyprus)

**Stock#:** 28356  
**Map Maker:** Pococke  
**Date:** 1781  
**Place:** Utrecht  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 20 x 19 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Rare highly detailed map of Asia Minor, Cyprus and environs, engraved by Lindeman, for a Dutch edition of Pococke's *Description of the East and Some other Countries*, first published in London in 1745.

Richard Pococke was born in Southampton and educated at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, receiving a Bachelor of Law degree. He seems to have spent far more time travelling than attending to his duties as a churchman and spent 1733-36 undertaking a series of tours in Europe. Detailed accounts of his first tours (1733-34, 1736-37) survive in a set of letters he wrote to his mother (British Library, Add. Ms. 19939). From 1737-42 he visited the Near East, [3] visiting Egypt, Jerusalem, Palestine and Greece. These travels were later published in his *Description of the East*, works which were praised by Edmund Gibbon. Among other things, he was one of the European travellers to give an account of the origins of the medieval Arabic document, the *Achtname of Muhammad*, which claims that the Prophet Muhammad had personally confirmed a grant of protection and other privileges to the monks of Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai.

### Detailed Condition: