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Amstelodamum In quo cedessacrae, Curia Hospitalia, cum vicis et Burchvallis omniumquae interfluentiumalueis, accurate omnia delineantur

Stock#: 30246
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1617
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Braun & Hogenberg's second plan of Amsterdam, showing the significant growth and expansion of the town at the end of the 16th and beginning of the 17th Century.

The following is a translation of the text on the verso:

When Amsterdam passed to the county it was impecunious, but it gradually increased in size and wealth to such an unbelievable extent that it has repeatedly, and for the last time very recently, been extended by more than half. [...] What inexpressible riches are heaped, as it were, on this city. One could say that Amsterdam wants for nothing, except that it has too much wealth. The city is like a store house from which not only neighbouring but also far distant countries are supplied in times of need, like Italy and Spain a few years ago. Here no one is excluded, but participation is open to anyone, of whatever nation or religion, who desires to carry on honest trade.

This city map oriented to the southwest is an update of the view of Amsterdam dating from the first edition, which was first printed in 1572. The updated map It became necessary because of the drastic changes that had taken place since then. In the course of the city's rapid increase in prosperity, resulting not least from the East Indian trade, it was also considerably extended in size.

The Oude Kerk (old church), built before 1300 and converted into a basilica in the 16th century, can be made out, as can the fortifications of 1593, some of the most modern at the time, featuring 12 bastions. In addition, the map documents the extension of the city resolved in 1607, which began with the construction



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of fortifications in the west; these marked the new boundary of the city, and the planned continuation is indicated in outline.

Detailed Condition: