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Bordeaux

Stock#: 43262
Map Maker: Werner / Wolff
Date: 1740 circa
Place: Augsburg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 40 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking large format view of Bordeaux by Werner, showing the town with the River in the foreground and the town beyond, published by the Heirs of Jeremiah Wolff in Augsburg.

Includes a key locating 47 places on the view.

The view is based upon the view of Friedrich Bernhard Werner (1690-1776), who was born in Silesia. During his youth he led a life of adventure, working as a military engineer and cartographer, travelling about as a quack doctor, working as an operator with a theater in Prague, and translating librettos for a group of wandering comedians.

After Werner's marriage in 1718, he began to focus on his artistic and cartographic talents. These skills brought him into contact with several leading art dealers and map publishers in Augsburg, most importantly the heirs of Jeremias Wolff (1663-1724). Werner began his series of large city views in 1729, when he returned to Augsburg after a European tour. The firm commissioned further European tours in the 1730's to make delineations of the important cities and the architecture of the surrounding countryside.

These designs and impressions were published in series, by several partners of the Wolff firm, primarily by Johann Friedrich Probst (1719 or 1721-1781), and later by his brother Georg Balthasar Probst (1732-1801).

Detailed Condition:

2 sheets, joined. Margin extended at left. Some minor evidence of old folds and fold split at center.