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[Paris] Lutetia vulgari Nomine Paris, Urbs Galliae Maxima . . .

Stock#: 47086
Map Maker: Jansson
Date: 1657
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Jansson's rare town plan of 16th Century Paris, based on Sebastian Munster's map of 1569.

Paris began as a small settlement on an island in the Seine, named Lutetia by the Gallii Parisii. This island, seen at the center of the map, controlled the trade in the region both along the river and via the north-south roads crossing the island. Paris grew through successive periods, with walls, citadels, and forts added through a series of expansions. The Bastille is shown at the upper center of the engraving and the Cathedral of Notre Dame is on the eastern end of on the island. The plan is oriented with east at the top.

Originally issued by Braun & Hogenberg in 1572 in their landmark *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the plates were later acquired by Jansson, who issued his own town book in 1657, with the plates reworked to remove the costumed figures, which were no longer of contemporary interest. While the original addition is readily obtainable on the market, the Jansson edition is comparatively rare.

This view come from *Theatrum Urbium Celebriorum*, Jansson's version of Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*. An eight-volume example of Jansson's town books sold for more than \$300,000 at auction 10 years ago.

Detailed Condition: