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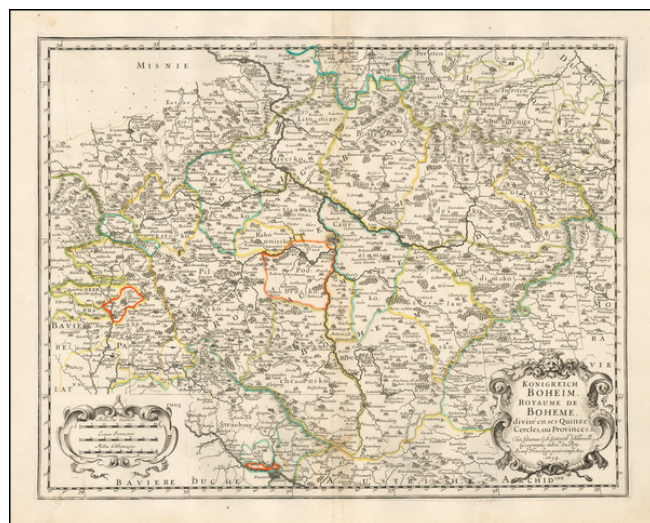
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Stock#: 50455
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1654
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 19 inches
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

An attractive example of Sanson's double-page engraved map Bohemia.

Sanson's map meticulously outlines the Bohemian landscape, detailing its major towns and significant topographical features. Key towns such as Prague, Brno, Plzeň (Pilsen), České Budějovice (Budweis), and Hradec Králové (Königgrätz) are prominently marked. These towns, each with its unique history and significance, shaped the socio-cultural and economic fabric of Bohemia.

One cannot discuss Bohemia without mentioning the majestic Vltava River, known in German as the Moldau. Flowing right through the heart of the region, the Vltava is prominently depicted in Sanson's map, its serpentine course passing through Prague, the historic capital and cultural epicenter of Bohemia.

The 17th century ushered in a period of profound transformation for Bohemia. Initiated by the Defenestration of Prague in 1618, the ensuing Thirty Years' War saw the Protestant Bohemians resist the Catholic Habsburgs. With the defeat at the Battle of White Mountain in 1620, Bohemia underwent a forced re-Catholicization under the victorious Habsburgs. The Peace of Westphalia in 1648 marked the end of this devastating conflict, entrenching the Habsburgs' dominance over a Catholic Bohemia.

Crafted just six years post the Peace of Westphalia, Sanson's map offers a glimpse into a Europe still grappling with the scars of war. It provides viewers with a geographical layout of a region central to the tumultuous religious and political dynamics of the era.



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Detailed Condition:

Old outline hand-color.