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**(Western Poland with City Views) Nova illustrissimi principatus Pomeraniae descriptio
cum adjuncta Principum genealogia et Principum veris et potiorum Urbium imaginibus
et Nobilium insignibus**

Stock#: 52717
Map Maker: Van Geelkercken
Date: 1618
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative section from Eilhard Lubin's remarkable map of Pomerania, first published in 1618.

The map shows the region centered on Bytow in Poland with views of the following cities:

- Belgardt (Bialogard)
- Treptow (Trzebiatów)
- Piritz (Pyrzyce)
- Golnow (Goleniow)
- Wollin oder Iulina (Wolin)

As noted on the David Rumsey website:

Large and impressive outline colored copperplate engraving map of Pomerania on 12 sheets, 42 x 54 cm or smaller, by Eilhard Lubin, Professor at the University of Rostock. In 1610 he was asked by Philipp II, the Duke of Pomerania to create a large scale map of the geography and history of the duchy. In 1612 map was completed, it was decorated with 49 town views, and coat of arms of the noble families. In 1618 the Dutch engraver Nicolas van Geelkercken, engraved the copperplates in Amsterdam, and a small number of sheets were printed. The plates disappeared in the thirty years war and were rediscovered by the historian Johann Carl Conard Oelrichs in 1758. The map shows 49 town views on the border, the family tree of the



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house of Griffins, dukes of Pomerania, with 157 names and small portraits, a small family tree of the house of Rugen, 5 large portraits of living dukes of different parts of Pomerania, and on the lower middle left sheet probably the portrait of Lubin himself. The map shows towns and villages, landmarks, churches, forest, rivers and mountains. Relief is shown pictorially. Lubin's Pomerania remained the most accurate map of the region from its inception in 1618 until the Prussian topographical survey of the eighteenth century. The map is extraordinary in the way that it combines the "mapping" of the history of the ruling families with the mapping of the topography of Pomerania.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing.