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Cairus Quae Olim Babylon Aegypt Maxima Urbs

Stock#: 67494
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1572
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 13 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Fine old color example of this important early view of Cairo from a hillside opposite the Nile, from Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the most important town book of the 16th Century.

Elaborate detail, including fortified walls, buildings, public places, etc. A number of horsemen and other costumed figures in the foreground.

Georg Braun's commentary on the view translates as follows:

Cairo is said to number 30,000 houses altogether. There are very many princely palaces and temples here, but also many hospices, schools and baths and large buildings containing the tombs of important persons. The streets contain such a throng of people, horses and mules that it is not possible to pass without obstacle. [...] The women, too, wear trousers, made of silk, trimmed with pearls and precious gems, like the men. The men are also allowed to have several wives.

Detailed Condition:

Very attractive original hand color. Two printer's creases in the image.