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[Sweden & Finland] Svea ock Gota Riken med Finland ock Norland Afritade i Stockholm ar 1747

Stock#: 70277
Map Maker: Biurman
Date: 1747
Place: Stockholm
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 22 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Most Important Domestically Published Map of Sweden in the 18th Century

Highly detailed map of Sweden and Finland, by leading Swedish mapmaker Georg Biurman.

A nice example of this landmark map, which saw the rebirth of domestic map publication in Sweden, which had lay dormant from the early 17th Century map by Buerus in 1626. The map was a product of the Kingdom's newly found interest in domestic mapmaking, following the conclusion of the Russo-Swedish War of 1741-43. A civilian mapping commission was sent to Finland to produce manuscript maps of all of its parishes on a uniform scale of 1:20,000.

Biurman's map includes topographical details, towns, rivers, islands and other important features. The map includes a large inset of the upper portion of Sweden.

As noted by the Volume 4 of the *History of Cartography* at pp 555-57,



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In 1747, Biurman published the first domestically produced accurate map of Sweden-Finland since Bureus [in 1626]. The map was not large, but included enough details to surpass every earlier map [and would become the model for European mapmakers during the second half of the 18th Century.]

Georg Biurman (1700-1755), was a Swedish surveyor and engraver at the old land survey office in Stockholm. He became known for a wide range of detailed mapping over Stockholm and Sweden as well as a travel guide that was published in 1742. In the 1730s, Biurman became the head of the printing company that was established at the land survey at Västra Trädgårdsgatan 2 in Stockholm.

Rarity

OCLC locates a single example in an American institutional collection (Harvard), along with copies in several other National Libraries and European collections.

We note 1 example in a dealer catalog in the past 40 years (PAMA, 2003) and no copies at auction.

Detailed Condition: