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(The English Capture of Cadiz) La Impresa del Isola et Citta di Calis di spagna fatta alli 2 luglio 1596 dalla armata della Regina d'Inghilterra . . . battaglia navale e di terra

Stock#: 75074
Map Maker: Franco
Date: 1596 circa
Place: Rome
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 8.75 x 6.5 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

The English Armada Capturing Cadiz.

Scarce plan of the 1596 Siege of Cadiz ("Cales"), published in Rome near the end of the 16th century.

The Capture of Cadiz of 1596 saw the fall of Cadiz to English and Dutch United Provinces forces. One of the significant English successes of the Anglo-Spanish War, along with the sinking of the Spanish Armada and the 1587 victory at Cadiz, the 1596 capture was most notable for the vast economic losses inflicted on the Spanish.

The map shows the English fleet sailing against the city. In the lower left is "Il Grande Aumiraglio," the admiral's ship, flying the royal English coat of arms. The Count of Essex's ship and the Vice Admiral's ship are also shown. Along the narrow spit of land connecting Cadiz to the rest of Spain, a battle between the English and the Spanish is depicted, with the English troops eventually rowing ashore and taking the town.

This battle plan is signed "Franco Fecit," which almost certainly refers to Giacomo Franco, who started his career in the 1570s executing plates for other Lafreri School cartographers. Eventually he had his own shop, and was active until his death in 1620.

Detailed Condition: