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Castilia Estrema Dura Aesturie Navarra

Stock#: 75840mp2
Map Maker: Metellus
Date: 1598
Place: Cologne
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 8.6 x 6.1 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking, Early Western Spanish Regional Map -- Madrid Misspelled "Nadrid"

Fine, rare depiction of western Spain—one of the first printed maps of the area.

The map is oriented with west at the top, showing a wide swath of the Iberian Peninsula, from the Basque Coast in the north to the Strait of Gibraltar, encompassing today's Andalusia, Extremadura, Castile, Asturias, Cantabria and parts of Galicia and the Basque Country. Many important cities are noted including Valladolid, Toledo, and Bilbao and a misspelled Madrid.

Some of the most important features are the maritime details. Rivers are quite prominent throughout the map, which is west-oriented. The Strait of Gibraltar is shown separating Tangier from Gibraltar and Cadiz, with a sailing vessel nearby. To the north is the Atlantic.

Cologne School

This work is from the so-called Cologne School of mapmaking, the members of which made a concerted, though largely unsuccessful, attempt to supplant Antwerp (and to a lesser extent Amsterdam) as a mapmaking hub in the 1590s and first decades of the seventeenth century. Cologne's role as a mapmaking center was boosted by Dutch and Flemish refugees fleeing persecution and war, just as that of Amsterdam was boosted by those leaving Spanish-controlled Antwerp after 1588.

Rarity



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The map first appeared in 1596; this example was issued in 1598 as part of a geographic compendium of Europe's Christian Kingdoms.

This is the first time we have ever handled this map. It is rare on the market.

Detailed Condition:

Text showing through from the verso.