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### Aragonina et Catalonia (with Mallorca and Minorca)

**Stock#:** 75960mp2  
**Map Maker:** Metellus  
**Date:** 1598  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 8.9 x 6.1 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

#### *Scarce Sixteenth-Century Map of Northeastern Spain, with Mallorca and Minorca*

Fine, early map of Aragon and Catalonia by Jean Matal, whose maps are rarely available.

The map is one of the earliest regional maps of the area. It features all the major cities of this part of Spain, including "Barcalona" (Barcelona) and Madrid. The mountainous nature of the area is emphasized with the numerous shaded hills.

In the Mediterranean is Mallorca and Minorca.

#### 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.

#### Issue and rarity

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



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All of Matal's work is rare and highly-sought after by collectors; this is the first time we have handled this map.

**Detailed Condition:**