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Stock#: 76399mp2
Map Maker: Metellus
Date: 1598
Place: Cologne
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 10.75 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

16th-Century Sicilian Rarity.

Attractive antique map of Sicily showing the island with its major cities, mountains, and rivers. The southernmost tip of the Italian Peninsula is visible to the northwest of the map. Palermo can be seen in the upper center. Numerous islands are named. Mt. "Aetna" [Etna] is shown erupting.

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 17th century. Cologne's role as a mapmaking center was boosted by Dutch and Flemish refugees fleeing persecution and war, just as Amsterdam was boosted by those leaving Spanish-controlled Antwerp after 1588.

Rarity

Metellus's maps are very rare on the market. This is the first time we have handled this map. We find no other examples in OldMaps nor in RBH.

Detailed Condition:

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