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(Straits of Messina) Scilla e Cariddi nel Faro di Messina | Scilla e Cariddi nello Stretto di Messino . . .

Stock#: 77891
Map Maker: Coronelli
Date: 1689
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.5 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Set of two copperplate engravings showing the straits of Messina, believed to house the Homeric monsters Scylla and Charybdis.

The upper view shows a rocky point at the end of the Calabrian coastline, while the lower image maps the Strait. Charybdis's whirlpool and currents caused by Scylla can be discerned. Etna is also shown. The two views are joined by a decorative border.

Interestingly, we can tell something about how the present image was printed by closely examining the edges of the images, and how they interact with the intricate decorative borders that surround them. The views and border were printed from separate copper plates but on the same sheet. This practice was not



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Detailed Condition: