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[The Execution of Jean de Poltrot in Paris on March 18, 1563] Richtung des Meray Poltroc genant gescheen zu Paris den 18 Marzens 1563.

Stock#: 78588
Map Maker: Perrissin
Date: 1569 circa
Place: Lyon
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: \$ 475.00



Description:

A Failed Attempt To Draw and Quarter Jean de Poltrot

Rare early double page woodcut scene, illustrating the execution of Jean de Poltrot, sentenced to death by being drawn and quartered for the murder of the Duke of Guise.

The image shows the public execution of Jean de Potrot (1537-1563), a French Huguenot nobleman of Angoumois, in the streets of Paris, for assassinating the Duke of Guise. The event is a significant historical moment in the civil war between Catholics and Huguenots that would envelope France, beginning in 1563. The Duke of Guise had started the trouble with the notorious massacre of Huguenots the previous March. During the ensuing months, Guise stood at the fore of Catholic forces, opposite the Huguenot commander Conde. In February 1563, Guise was besieging the Huguenot-held city of Orleans when Poltrot ambushed and shot the Duke dead.

Guise's death and Poltrot's confession that it was the Huguenot Admiral Coligny who directed his hand, would help to set the scene for the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre by Catholics on the Huguenots nine years later. And heavily Catholic Paris was even before the Guise murder violently agitated against Huguenots.

Poltrot's sentence was to be publicly ripped apart by horses straining his limbs to the four points of the compass. The attempt failed, but Poltrot was immediately put to the sword.

This is a German text edition, with a French language edition entitled "Lexecution du St. Jean Poltrot dict



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du Meray, fairte a Paris le XVIII Mars. M.D. L.XIII

Detailed Condition:

Discoloration at centerfold, with loss at bottom center