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Insula Candia ejusque Fortifciatio....

Stock#: 8163 Map Maker: De Wit

Date: 1680

Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 22 x 19 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Gorgeous full color example of De Wit's map of Crete, with six insets showing Canea, Candia, Spina Longa, Retimo, Thine, and Suda. One of the most decorative maps of Crete, based on the map by Sébastian de Pontault Beaulieu, a French military engineer who had mapped the fortifications of many Mediterranean islands. His map of Crete was published in 1674, only 5 years after Crete had fallen to the Turks. after a 24-year seige. The seas around the island are filled with galleons & galleys representing this epic struggle. Above the map the title is on a banner held aloft by putti. The first state of the map, which was later reissued by Covens & Mortier. A nice old color example of this most decorative map. ZACHARAKIS: 2393.

Detailed Condition: