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(Atlas of the Aegean -- Extra Illustrated!) L'Egeo redivivo o' sia chorographia dell' arcipelago, e dello stato primiero, & attuale di quell' isole. . . [The Aegean revived, or the chorography of the archipelago, and of the original and current state of those islands. . .]

Stock#: 93229
Map Maker: Piacenza / Soliani Heirs
Date: 1688
Place: Modena
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 6 x 8.5 inches
Price: \$ 7,500.00



Description:

A Rare Italian Atlas of the Many Islands of the Aegean. Extra Illustrated with a Folding Map of Greece.

Beautiful atlas and travel book about Greece, the Aegean, and Western Anatolia, filled with maps of the region's many islands.

The atlas was published in 1688 by the Soliani Heirs publishing firm in Modena, Italy, and the maps are engraved by Francesco Piacenza. The first maps in the book are regional, covering Greece, Morea, and the Aegean. The rest of the maps are detailed island maps and are accompanied by lengthy descriptions concerning the geography, history, and peoples of the islands.

In the 17th century, the Aegean Sea was largely under the dominion of the Ottoman Empire, which had seen substantial growth and expansion since the previous century. Notably, the pivotal Siege of Candia (1648-1669), one of the longest sieges in history, marked a significant point in this period, seeing the Ottomans capture the Venetian colony of Crete, which lies south of the Aegean Sea. Venetian colonies in the Aegean Sea, including those on the islands of Tinos and Kythira, felt the pressure from Ottoman expansion.

There was an evident rivalry between these Italian maritime republics, especially Venice, and the Ottoman Empire; however, the balance of power was firmly tipped in favor of the latter. The Treaty of Karlowitz in 1699 (about a decade after this book was published), which marked the end of the Great Turkish War, further solidified Ottoman control over much of the Aegean region, pushing the Italian maritime republics



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to the periphery and heralding a period of Ottoman hegemony.

The atlas appears to be extra-illustrated with a map of Greece and the Aegean entitled *Arcipelago Con la Morea Sino a Costantinopoli*. Other collations we have located appear to call for 62 or 63 maps (it is unclear if the one calling for 62 maps is correct and complete). Digitized examples of the book do not appear to have this map either.

List of Maps

1. Arcipelago Con la Morea Sino a Costantinopoli [Folding]
2. [Morea]
3. [Aegum Mare]
4. Candia
5. Scarpanto
6. Carchi E Limonia
7. Simie
8. Piscopia
9. Nisare
10. Caloiero
11. Lango
12. Agathonissi Eleo Fermaco
13. Samo
14. Psara
15. Crusia, Lipso, Tragia, Fornoli
16. Nicaria
17. Mandria
18. Pathmus
19. Leria
20. Calamo
21. Stampalia
22. Zinara e Levita
23. Amorgo
24. Isole Leleadi
25. Nio



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- 26. Policandro e Sicandro
- 27. Namphio
- 28. Santorini
- 29. Milo
- 30. Siphano
- 31. Thera
- 32. Zea
- 33. Serphino
- 34. Fermenia
- 35. Cythnus
- 36. Andro
- 37. Tine
- 38. Sdile
- 39. Micone
- 40. Isole Cidalie
- 41. Nicsia
- 42. Paris
- 43. Sirna
- 44. Scio
- 45. Metelin
- 46. Tenedo
- 47. Maure Oviaro Forino Martese
- 48. Stalimine
- 49. Lembro
- 50. Samandrachi
- 51. Monte Santo e Tasso
- 52. S. Strati
- 53. Isole Sphegie
- 54. Pelagnisi
- 55. Isole Gregarie
- 56. Isole Gildrome
- 57. Schiro
- 58. Cicynnethus
- 59. Negroponte



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- 60. Engia
- 61. Isole Solari
- 62. Cerigo
- 63. Rhodi
- 64. Cipro [Folding]

Detailed Condition:

Quarto. 18th-century stiff vellum, with manuscript titling and cataloging stamp to spine. Extra-complete with 64 maps, engraved half-title, and engraved portrait of Francis II. [Engraved half title]; [viii]; 664. (Minor bumping to corners and edges. Lower corner of back board partially torn, affecting a small area.)