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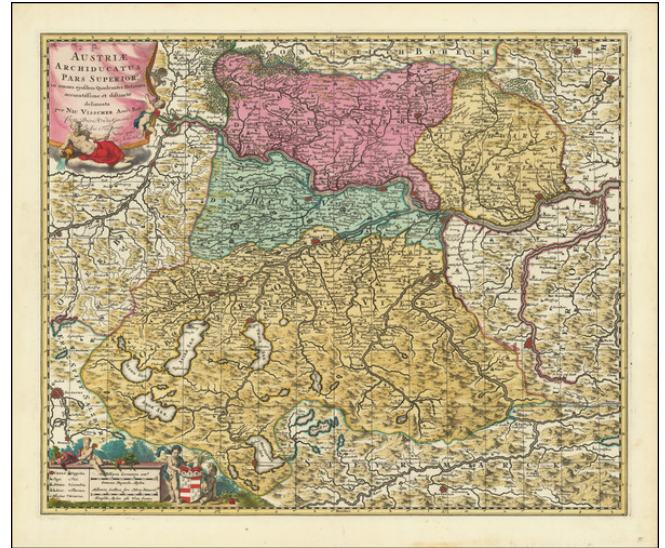
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Stock#: 94415
Map Maker: Visscher I
Date: 1683 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 19.5 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Fine old color example of Nicolaus Visscher's regional map of a large section of Austria.

The map spans from Salzburg and Passau in the west to Grein, Steyr, and Waidthofen in the east. It incorporates the course of the Danube River along the top, accurately tracing its course as it flows across the region.

Several prominent bodies of water are clearly marked on the map, including the Halstattersee, Aber See, Mann Sea, Adler See, and Traus See. These features are represented with a level of precision that speaks to Visscher's commitment to accuracy in his work.

A large decorative cartouche occupies the top left corner of the map. Although ornate, it doesn't overshadow the map's purpose and functionality. It encapsulates the title of the map within its detailed design, providing a visually appealing balance between artistic elements and the technical information.

In the lower right near the scale, a coat of arms lends an air of officialdom and significance to the map. The design of this emblem, while not overly intricate, adds another level of interest to the map. It serves as a clear and distinct mark of authority and identification that further establishes the map's historic and geographical importance.

During this era, the Habsburg Monarchy held the title of the Archduke of Austria, and Leopold I was the reigning figure for most of the latter half of the 17th century. His reign, from 1658 to 1705, was marked



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by efforts to consolidate Habsburg territories and strengthen the monarch's rule. His influence and governance were instrumental in shaping the landscape, politics, and culture of Austria, and his impact seeped into cartography as well.

Leopold I's rule was marked by various conflicts, including the Ottoman wars in Europe, yet he also fostered arts and music. This sense of a thriving, dynamic Austria is subtly encapsulated in Visscher's map. The accurate delineation of towns and landmarks signifies a well-ordered and administratively advanced realm, reflective of Leopold's ambitions for a consolidated, powerful Austria.

Detailed Condition: