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Stock#: 94418
Map Maker: Homann
Date: 1720 circa
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 19 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

The Austrian landscape of the early 18th century was a fascinating mesh of political complexity, socio-economic transformation, and vibrant cultural life. This period, often referred to as the Baroque era, bore witness to the Habsburg Monarchy's dominance under the rule of iconic figures like Leopold I, Joseph I, Charles VI, and Maria Theresa. A fascinating illustration of this era is an antique map of Austria circa 1720, centering around the course of the Danube River, from Ips to Braunau.

This map, meticulously crafted with the level of detail one would expect from a master cartographer of the time, provides more than just geographical bearings. It serves as a snapshot of Austria's historical narrative, a time of progression and change. The Danube River, a prominent feature of the map, is more than just a body of water; it represents the pulse of Austria's commercial life. Braunau, located to the west of the Danube, and Ips, to the east, became important commercial centers due to their strategic location.

Smaller towns and cities like Salzburg, Rachstats, Rottenman, Loeben, Waiddhofen, Zwetl, Weitra, and Passau are carefully dotted along the river and the surrounding landscape. Each of these was unique, with their cultural identities and contributions to the region's commerce and trade. Salzburg, renowned for its rich cultural history and the birthplace of Mozart, was particularly noteworthy.

Agriculture was another crucial aspect of Austrian life in this era, the primary commodities being grains, potatoes, and dairy. The regions surrounding Zwetl and Weitra were particularly known for their agriculture, as indicated by the pastoral imagery on the map.



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This map, while a representation of the Austrian region's geographical elements, also narrates the socio-political and economic climate of the period. The course of the Danube River and the cities it encompasses played a crucial role in the development and prosperity of Austria, creating a hub of trade and commerce, a melting pot of cultures, and a stronghold of political power.

Detailed Condition:

Fold split, as shown