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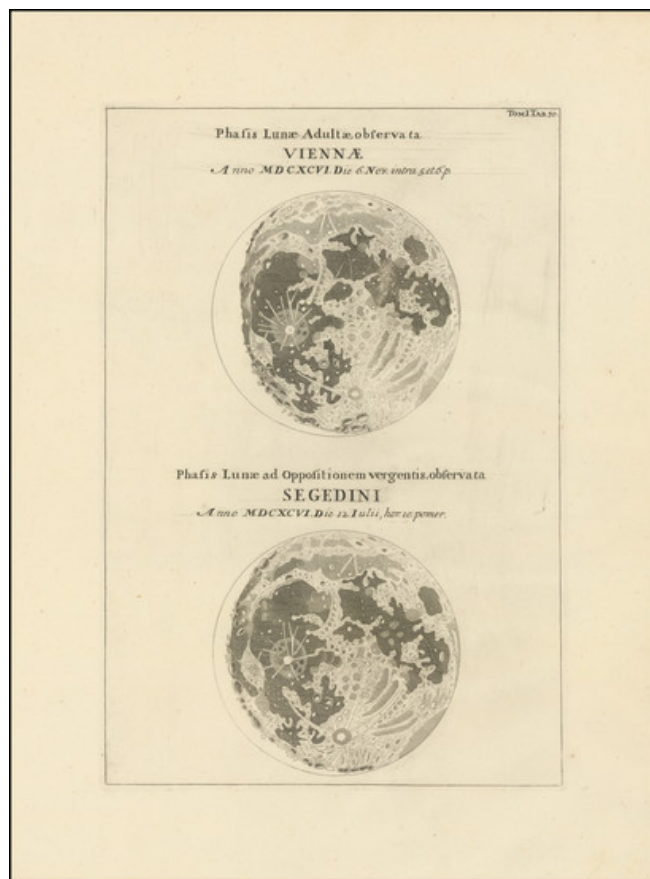
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Nove intra 5 et 6 p [and] Phasis Lunae ad Oppositionem vergentis, observata Segedini
Anno MDCXVI die 12 Iulii, hor 10 pomer.**

Stock#: 95539
Map Maker: Marsigli
Date: 1726
Place: Amsterdam & Den Haag
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.25 x 15 inches
Price: \$ 475.00



Description:

Fine pair of images of the phases of the moon, which appeared in Luigi Marsigli's monumental *Danubius Pannonico-Mysicus*, published in 1726.

The image shows two distinct phases of the Moon as observed in the 17th century.

The first image translates to "Phase of the Full Moon, observed in Vienna," with the observation made in the year 1696 on the 6th of November between 5 and 6 p.m. This representation shows the full Moon, a phase where the lunar disc is fully illuminated as seen from Earth, providing a detailed view of the Moon's surface. Craters, maria, and other lunar features are rendered with remarkable precision, indicative of the high level of observational astronomy and engraving artistry of the era.



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The second image translates to "Phase of the Moon approaching Opposition, observed at Szeged," with the observation dated 1616 on the 12th of July at around 10 p.m. This phase pertains to the time when the Moon is opposite the Sun in the sky, a period which typically corresponds to a full Moon, offering a richly detailed view of the Moon's surface features that are illuminated by the Sun's light.

The engravings exemplify the dual nature of scientific and artistic work during this time. The illustrators achieved a delicate balance, meticulously capturing the intricate details of the lunar surface while also presenting them in a visually appealing manner. Each image is carefully annotated with the observation's date, time, and location, underscoring the scientific diligence of the period.

Detailed Condition: