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[Serbia / Croatia / Bosnia & Herzegovina / Dalmatia / Slovenia] Sclavonia, Croatia, Bosnia, cum Dalmatiae Parte

Stock#: 96067
Map Maker: Mercator
Date: 1610 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 18.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed map covering the Northern Balkan regions, including larger parts of Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina and eastern Slovenia, published by Gerard Mercator, father of the modern Atlas.

Gerard Mercator, one of the foremost cartographers of the Renaissance, created a plethora of maps that have since become masterpieces of historical geography. This map, characteristic of Mercator's meticulous style, offers a comprehensive look into the heart of Southeastern Europe in the early 17th century.

The scope and detail of the map are impressive. To the north, it reaches up to the Drava River and its confluence with the iconic Danube River. Moving southwards, one can trace the Dalmatian-Croatian Coast, with its picturesque islands, extending to the historic cities of Sebenico (Šibenik) and Spalato (Split). The map stretches eastwards to Belgrade and Drina in western Serbia and westwards to include Karlovac, Zagreb, and the island of Pag.

Along the Adriatic, the coast is depicted in detail, with each cove, bay, and inlet faithfully represented. Moving inland, the map traces the intricate web of rivers that crisscross the Balkans, as well as the rugged mountain ranges that have historically made this region a challenging one for both invaders and travelers.

Regions named include:



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- Sclavonia (Slavonia): A fertile region, Slavonia saw frequent skirmishes between the Ottoman Empire and the Habsburg Monarchy during the 16th century, leading to significant territorial changes.
- Croatia: While coastal Croatia enjoyed relative security, its inland territories were frequently under threat from Ottoman incursions. The region was a major frontier zone, witnessing several battles and fortifications.
- Bosnia: By the 16th century, most of Bosnia was under Ottoman control. It became a crucial province for the Empire, serving both as an administrative hub and a forward base for further expansions.
- Dalmatia: Though the coastal cities of Dalmatia maintained a degree of autonomy, the hinterlands saw frequent battles between the Ottomans and Venetians.

The Balkan regions, during the time captured in this map, was a theater of political intrigue, military campaigns, and cultural exchange, and Mercator's work serves as a beautiful and intricate window into this pivotal period.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color.