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Stock#: 96130 Map Maker: Homann

Date: 1720 circa
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 22.5 x 19 inches

Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Finely crafted map of Southern Sweden and the Copenhagen area, published by J.B. Homann, the most prolific cartographic firm in the Holy Roman Empire during the first half of the 18th Century.

The geographic scope of the map reaches from key urban centers in the south like Malmo, Copenhagen, Lund, and Helsingborg. Moving northward, the map stretches to Kalmar, Falkenberg, and Varberg. Beyond the main map, an inset located in the top right corner details "Hallandia Septentrionale," further extending to the city of Gothenburg, just beyond the northern border of Hallandia.

The coastal regions are particularly captivating. Rugged coastlines, peppered with islands, present a vision of Scandinavia's unique maritime landscape. Moving inland, the intricate network of lakes and rivers is displayed with precision, revealing the waterways that have historically been vital for trade, transport, and agriculture. In the far north, the dense forests of southern Smalandia offer a glimpse of the verdant wilderness that dominates much of Sweden's northern hinterland.

Central to the map's aesthetics is the elaborate title cartouche, with Mermen depicted fishing with spears, a possible allegory for man's harnessing of the seas or the bounty and challenges that the ocean presents. Above the title, cherubs hold the coats of arms of Hallandia, Scania, and Blekinga, three significant provinces in the map's scope.

Brief Historical Overview



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Scania (Skåne): Historically a part of Denmark, the 17th century saw intense battles between Sweden and Denmark for control over this region. By the Treaty of Roskilde in 1658, Denmark ceded Scania to Sweden. The Swedish Crown then initiated a process of Swedification, which faced resistance from the Scanian population.

Hallandia (Halland): Similar to Scania, Halland was originally under Danish control but was ceded to Sweden as a result of the Treaty of Roskilde. The province underwent multiple shifts of power between Denmark and Sweden during the 16th and 17th centuries, before finally becoming Swedish territory in the aforementioned treaty.

Blekingia (Blekinge): Again, like its aforementioned counterparts, Blekinge's history in the 17th century is defined by the Treaty of Roskilde. This once-Danish territory became a part of Sweden and underwent cultural and administrative changes as a result.

By the early 18th century, as Europe underwent significant political transformations and as Sweden rose as a significant power, these regions had largely been integrated into the Swedish kingdom.

Detailed Condition: