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Goa

Stock#: 97211
Map Maker: Mallet
Date: 1683
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 4 x 6 inches
Price: \$ 145.00



Description:

An attractive birdseye view of this historically strategic city.

In the span of two centuries, Goa emerged as a critical node in global trade networks and a bastion of colonial power. In 1510, Admiral Afonso de Albuquerque seized Goa from the Bijapur Sultanate, establishing it as a strategic outpost for the Portuguese. This conquest gave Portugal a dominant position in the lucrative spice trade, and a direct gateway to the Indian subcontinent.

Throughout the 16th century, Goa flourished as a global trading hub. Ships from Europe, Africa, and Asia crowded its harbors, exchanging spices, textiles, and precious stones. As the "Rome of the East," it overshadowed even Lisbon in terms of opulence. By the late 1600s, Goa's influence began diminishing.



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The rise of alternative trade routes and nearby ports, especially Bombay, coupled with internal challenges and the persistent threat from the Marathas, marked the onset of its decline.

From Mallet's monumental *Description de l' Univers*, first published in Paris in 1683, perhaps the greatest work of its kind in the 17th Century.

Detailed Condition: