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Castiliae Novae Pars Occidentalis Provincias Madrit, Toledo et Mancha, comprehendens ex Dom T. Lopez ... 1781

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Map Maker: Homann Heirs / López
Date: 1781
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 20 inches
Price: \$ 395.00



Description:

The map provides a detailed representation of a portion of the western part of the Castile region in Spain, focusing specifically on the provinces of Madrid, Toledo and Mancha.

In the 18th century, Madrid, depicted prominently on the map, was in the midst of a transformation. As the capital of Spain since the late 16th century, Madrid became an epicenter of arts, politics, and commerce. The map shows the Manzanares River, a notable geographical feature flowing through the region.

To the southwest of Madrid lies Toledo, an ancient city that stands atop a hill, along the Tagus River. Known as the "City of Three Cultures," Toledo was a melting pot of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim influences. By the 18th century, while its political significance had waned with the shift of the capital to Madrid, its historical and religious importance remained undiminished.

The vast expanse of La Mancha, stretching to the south, is perhaps best known to the world through



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literature—as the backdrop of Miguel de Cervantes' "Don Quixote." This plateau region is characterized by its windmills, vast plains, and vineyards. The Guadiana River, one of the Iberian Peninsula's major rivers, winds its way through this region.

Apart from the cities and the geographical markers, the map features the road networks, trade routes, and other smaller settlements that dotted these provinces. Based on the work of Tomás López, a notable Spanish cartographer of the 18th century, the map is detailed and artistically rendered.

Detailed Condition: