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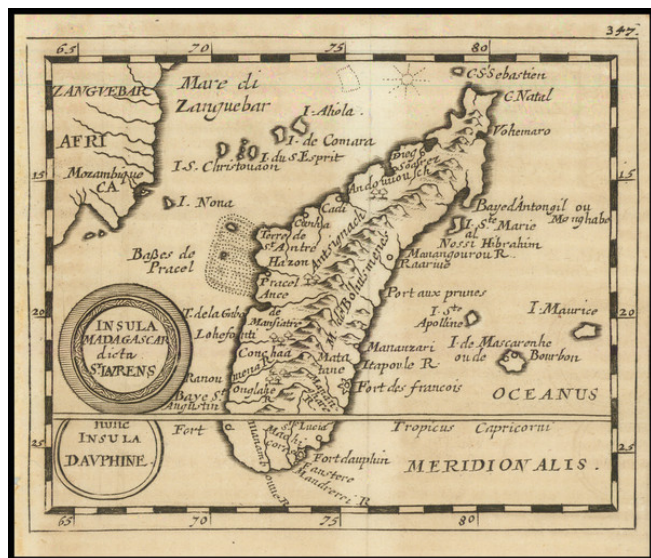
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Stock#: 97967
Map Maker: Du Val & Hoffmann
Date: 1681
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 4.7 x 4 inches
Price: \$ 125.00



Description:

This small engraved map of Madagascar was produced in Nuremberg in 1681 by Johann Hoffmann, who adapted the earlier design of Pierre Du Val. This map is part of the Nuremberg edition of Du Val's atlas, *Le Monde Terreste, ou la Geographie Universelle*, which initially appeared in Paris in 1660. While various versions of this atlas existed, the Nuremberg edition, published by Hoffmann, was notable for including maps engraved by Sigismund Hipschmann.

During the 17th century, cartography became an increasingly refined discipline, with Pierre Du Val's atlases gaining recognition for their detail and accuracy. Du Val's original atlas was translated into multiple languages, including a German version by Johann Christoff Beer in 1678. However, the Nuremberg edition, overseen by Johann Hoffmann, incorporated detailed maps. While these maps drew heavily from Du Val's foundational work, there were differences, often due to the availability of sources.

The higher plate number used for this 1681 map differentiates it from its 1678 predecessor.

Detailed Condition:

Marginal tear near the bottom of the left edge. Variable toning.