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Groninga Dominium Auctore Bartholdo Wicheringe.

Stock#: 99172
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1640
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: \$ 395.00



Description:

What Happens When the Dams Break.

A beautifully detailed map of the Groningen province, based on the work of Barthold Wicheringe. This map prominently features the Dollert estuary and includes a historical note about the devastating flood of 1277 (actually 1287) that led to the formation of the estuary and the destruction of several villages. It includes an inscription: "Anno 1277 Maris inundatione triginta tres pagi hoc in loco periere," which translates to "In the year 1277, thirty-three villages perished here due to a sea flood."

The map is rich in details such as roads, dikes, fortified cities, and illustrated topographical features. The map is further enhanced by two ornate cartouches: one for the title, adorned with a classical warrior and a symbol of justice, and another for the scale of miles, decorated with figures engaged in farming activities.

St. Lucia's Day Flood

Saint Lucia's flood, occurring on December 14, 1287, was one of the most catastrophic floods in recorded history, impacting the Netherlands and Northern Germany. This devastating event resulted from a combination of a severe storm and high tides, leading to the breaching of dikes and subsequently causing widespread destruction. The flood was particularly significant as it reshaped the coastline of the affected regions, altering the geography and leading to the formation of the Zuiderzee, a large inland sea in the northwestern Netherlands. The flood resulted in immense loss of life, with estimates suggesting that thousands of people perished. It also had long-term socio-economic consequences, as it destroyed vast tracts of fertile land and numerous settlements, fundamentally changing the landscape and the way of life



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Detailed Condition:

Original hand color. Blank verso.