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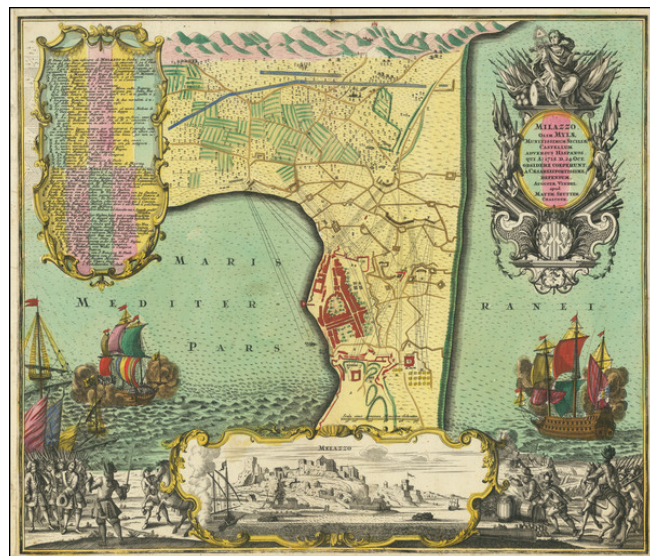
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(1718 Siege of Milazzo, Sicily) Milazzo, olim Myla munitissimum Sicilia castellum adversus Hispanos qui a 1718 d. 24 Oct. obsidere coeperunt, a Caesareis fortissime defensum. Augusta, Vindel. apud Matth. Seutter Chalcogr.

Stock#: 104436
Map Maker: Seutter
Date: 1720 circa
Place: Augsburg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 19.25 inches
Price: \$ 850.00



Description:

Beautiful battle map by Matthaus Seutter depicting the 1718 siege of Milazzo, a strategic fortress in Sicily, during the War of the Quadruple Alliance.

The War of the Quadruple Alliance (1718-1720) was a conflict that pitted Spain against an alliance of Austria, France, Great Britain, and the Dutch Republic. The war was largely sparked by Spanish attempts to regain territories in Italy that it had lost to Austria in earlier treaties.

In 1718, Spanish forces, as part of their broader military efforts to reclaim Sicilian territories, laid siege to Milazzo, a crucial fortification on the island. The defense of Milazzo was undertaken by forces loyal to Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI. Despite the strong offensive by the Spanish, the fortress was tenaciously and successfully defended by the Imperial forces. This defense helped to thwart Spanish ambitions in Sicily and played a part in the broader context of their eventual failure to secure a foothold in Italy during this conflict. The siege and its defense underscored the military and strategic importance of Sicilian fortresses in the power dynamics of Mediterranean Europe during the early 18th century.

Detailed Condition:

Engraving on early-18th-century laid paper. Bright original hand-color in full.