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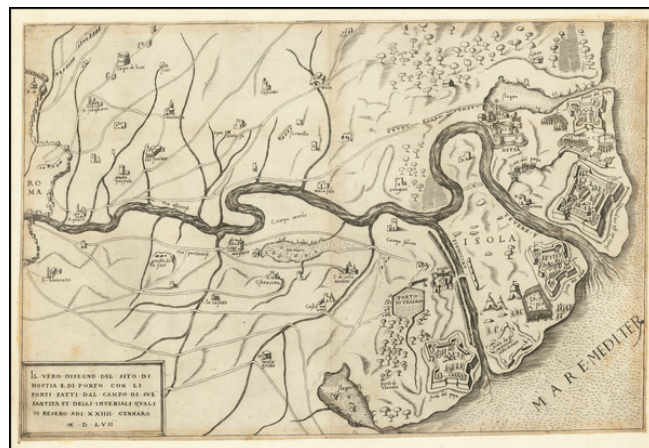
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## [Spanish Siege of Ostia] Il Vero Disegno Del Sito Di Hostia e Di Porto Con Li Forti Fatti Dal Campo Di Sua Santita et Delli Imperiali Qualisi Resero Adi XXIIII Genaro M. D. L V II . . . .

**Stock#:** 75401  
**Map Maker:** Salamanca  
**Date:** 1557  
**Place:** Rome  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 10.5 x 15 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,800.00



### Description:

#### *Spanish Siege of Ostia -- Historic Port of Rome*

Rare thematic map of the area between the environs of Rome and the harbor at Ostia.

While Lafreri School Battle Plans occasionally show roads, this map is quite exceptional as a regional map which shows both roads and Roman Aqueducts.

The map illustrates the theater of war during the siege of Spanish-held Ostia by General Pietro Strozzi, Superintendent of the Papal army under Pope Paul IV, resulting in the capitulation of the fortress on January 24, 1557. Oriented with east at the top, the map is intended to illustrate the roads, rivers and Roman Aqueducts between Rome and the port of Ostia.

The map shows the medieval walled town of Ostia, nestling against a meander in the Tiber which, later that year, was cut off from the main stream by a flood which crossed the neck of the meander leaving an ox-bow lake which was still present on topographical maps in the late nineteenth century (Arnold-Huyzendveld). The rounded walls of the town contrast sharply with the later star-shaped, angle-bastioned trace Italienne forts of the Papal and Imperial forces.

The imperial and papal fortifications are shown, along with their encampments and the armies lined up for the attack on the fortress of Ostia. The city, besieged by Spanish troops led by Fernando Alvarez de Toledo, Duke of Alba and Viceroy of Naples surrendered on November 18, 1556, but was resumed on



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January 23, 1557.

The map is drawn from a from the work of Eufrosino della Volpaia, with the addition of information relating to the fortifications at the mouth of the river. The map has been attributed to Antonio Salamanca's printing house and is listed in the catalog of Salamanca's partner, Antonio Lafreri.

**States of the map / Rarity**

There are two states of the map.

- State 1: 1557 - Antonio Salamanca (dated)
- State 2: 1602 - Giovanni Orlandi name added
- State 3: 1602 - Hendrik van Schoel's name added

All states are extremely rare on the market.

**Detailed Condition:**