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Vera Designatio Urbis In Littavia Grodnae

Stock#: 50721mp2
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1575 circa
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important early view of Grodno, Belarus, from Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the most important book of town plans and views published in the 16th Century.

The engraving shows a view of the city from the far side of the Memel. Russian, Tatar, Turkish and Wallachian envoys are crossing the wooden bridge and entering the city in which King Sigismund II held an Imperial Diet in 1562. The earliest document in which Grodno is mentioned dates from 1128. In 1391 it was granted a municipal charter by Prince Vytautas and it quickly rose to prosperity following the victory over the Teutonic Knights in the battle of Tannenberg in 1410; Orthodox (right) and Roman Catholic (left) churches were built, and three castles (left). Grodno, today known as Hrodna, has a population of 317,000, is the fifth-largest city in Belarus and shares a border with Lithuania and Poland.

Detailed Condition:

Old color. Some offsetting.