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**Cyprus, que olim (Macaria) id est Beata, Insula est in sinu Carpatij maris sita Veneri
fuit sacra . . . 1570**

Stock#: 59507sb
Map Maker: Forlani
Date: 1570 circa (1602)
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size:
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Early Map of Cyprus By Paolo Forlani

Second state of this rare early map of Cyprus, published in Venice by Paolo Forlani.

The map is oriented with the east at the top and includes a nice descriptive cartouche at the top right. From the cartographic point of view, except for the orientation, the map follows the model published in Rome in 1560 by Bartolomeo Faleti (Bifolco-Ronca, table 837). Other elements, such as the course of the river Pediaeus, derive from the manuscript map of 1562, by Giorgio Sideri. Nicosia is still surrounded by the walls built by the Franks, which were destroyed in 1567.



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The engraving is ascribed to Paolo Forlani by Ashley Baynton-Williams, for obvious stylistic reasons, however it does not appear among the Forlaini's monograph by David Woodard (1990). For this reason the place of printing is brought back to Venice, where Duchetti made use of the collaboration of Forlani.

A second issue of the map was printed in Rome by Giovanni Orlandi in 1602. The plate is present in the catalog of the widow of Giacomo Gherardi, heir to the Duchetti calcographic collection - October 1598 (No. 275) described as "l'Isola di Cipri" - then it was bought by Orlandi in 1602.

Rarity

The second state of the map is known in only one other recorded example, in the Silvia Ioannou Foundation, Vaduz (cfr. Bifulco-Ronca p. 1670, Baynton-Williams, pp. 51-53).

Detailed Condition: