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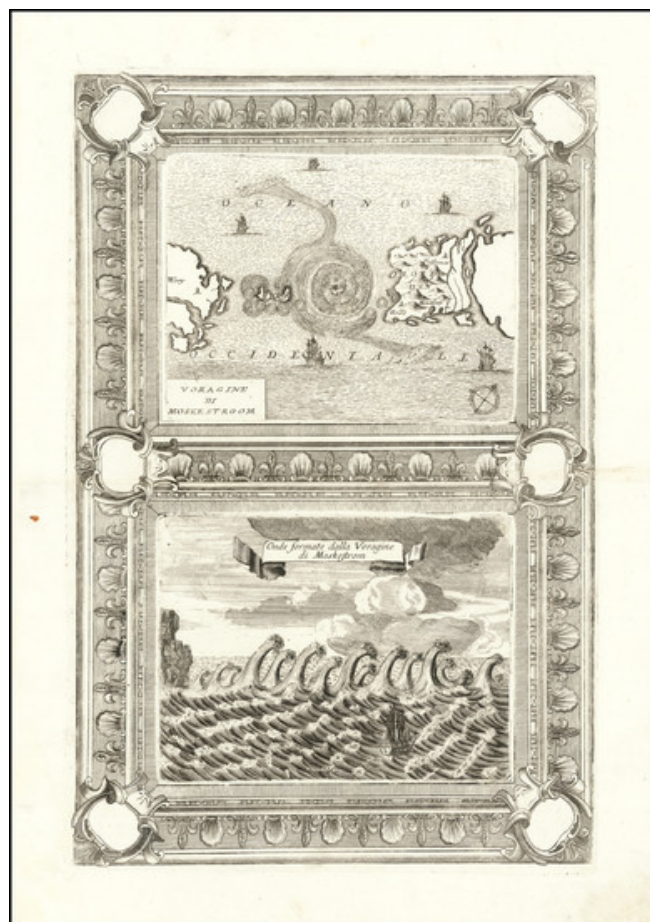
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Stock#: 77973
Map Maker: Coronelli
Date: 1689
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.25 x 15.25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A fascinating set of two images of the infamous Lofoten Maelstrom in Norway, engraved by one of the great Italian cartographers of the 17th century, Vincenzo Maria Coronelli, this work first appeared in his *Atlante Veneto*.

The upper of the two images shows a map of the location of the maelstrom between the island of Moskenesoya and Sorland. Named the Moskstraumen, it is an unusual example of an open ocean whirlpool, driven by tidal forces. The maelstrom has captured the public imagination, with references common in Old Norse literature, Edgar Allen Poe writing a poem about it, and it being discussed in Robert Mcfarlane's *Underland*.



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Interestingly, we can tell something about how the present image was printed by closely examining the edges of the ship's images, and how they interact with the intricate decorative borders that surround them. The boats and border were printed from separate copper plates but on the same sheet. This practice was not unheard of but is rather unusual.

Coronelli's *Atlante Veneto* was intended to accompany Blaeu's *Atlas Maior* and contained abundant maps. However, due to the idiosyncratic nature of the publication of the book, the double-printed maritime images are rarer today than his maps are.

Detailed Condition: