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## [Frontispiece Bearing the Spanish Motto] Gli Argonauti

**Stock#:** 79216  
**Map Maker:** Coronelli  
**Date:** 1689  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 9.75 x 13.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

An attractive frontispiece showing the continuing fascination with Greek mythology, published by Vincenzo Coronelli in Venice.

The image shows a cherub holding the Spanish motto, *plus ultra* (further beyond), above an allegorical scene of Neptune ushering Venus onto land. The division between land and sea is marginal in this map, and references to the Argonauts appear to act as an allegory for Spain's naval power. At the base of the image is a lion, another symbol of Spain.

This engraving served as one of several frontispieces in Coronelli's 1689 *Atlante Veneto*, meant to accompany Blaeu's *Atlas Maior*.

### Detailed Condition:

Minor dampstain in upper right corner of margin.

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