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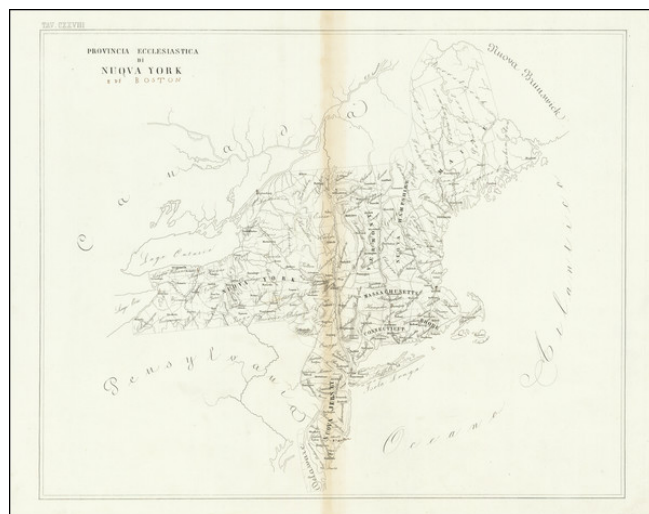
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(Ecclesiastical Districts of the American Northeast) Tav. CXXVIII Provincia ecclesiastica di Nuova York [e di Boston]

Stock#: 89777
Map Maker: Petri
Date: 1856
Place: Rome
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 19 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

Rare map of the American northeast, designed to show the various ecclesiastical centers and bishoprics of the United States. The map comes from the exceedingly rare *L'Orbe Cattolico ossia Atlante Geografico Storico Ecclesiastico Opera del Commendatore Girolamo Petri Officiale minutante della segreteria di Stato*.

The map shows the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode [Island], New York, and New Jersey. Ecclesiastical centers are at Hartford, Springfield, Boston, Portland, Albany, New York, Brooklyn, and Newark.

Petri's extremely rare work was, in fact, a massive three-volume work underwritten by Pope Pius IX and intended to be the first great modern atlas to depict the ecclesiastical regions organized by the Catholic Church at the time. The United States is depicted in five separate maps throughout the atlas.

Petri's remarkable three-volume atlas was no doubt part of the Vatican's last-ditch efforts to understand and control its vast influence around the world. The atlas resurrected the popular concept of ecclesiastical provinces popularized in works by Nicholas Sanson and others during the 17th century. The resulting maps are a testament to the artistry of the engravers and the relative indifference of the publisher to the commercial viability of the work. The exquisite and fine engraving is largely unmatched in the realm of 19th-century maps.



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Detailed Condition:

Ink manuscript annotations to title and highlighting to some bishoprics. Significant centerfold toning.