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Xansi, e Xensi Provincie della China . . .

Stock#: 0158gh
Map Maker: Coronelli
Date: 1690 circa
Place: Venice
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 24 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking full color example of Coronelli's regional map of the provinces of Xensi and Xansi, from Coronelli's rare *Corso Geografico Universale*, one of the most decorative and ornate of the 17th Century.

This map of Xansi (Shanxi) and Xensi (Shaanxi) is based on the earlier maps by Johannes Blaeu and the Jesuit Martino Martini. It is engraved in Coronelli's bold style with intricate depictions of the terrain and includes a fine illustration of the Great Wall and the *Deserto de Xamo*. The map is one of six charts of the thirteen provinces of China that were prepared by Coronelli. Three elaborate cartouches.

Vincenzo Maria Coronelli is widely recognised as one of Italy's most famous and greatest cartographers. He received an ecclesiastical education at the convent of the Minor Conventuals and also studied theology in Rome. However, his interests in geography and cartography were awoken early in his ecclesiastical career and never suppressed. He made very famous globes (including an impressive very large-scale pair for Louis XIV) and some of the most interesting and decorative atlases of all 17th century like *Atlante Veneto*, *Isolario*, *Corso Geografico Universale*, *Libro dei Globi* and also some pocket books about towns and islands.

Detailed Condition: