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Carte Pour Servir A L'Intelligence De L'Histoire, De Gustave Adolpha, De Chrisine De Charles Gustave Et De Charles XII [View of Bergen / Maps of Poland & Lithuania and Germany]

Stock#: 22308 Map Maker: Chatelain

Date: 1720

Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 17.5 x 13.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Interesting birdseye view of Bergen, Norway and pair of maps showing the conquests of King Gustav Adolphus of Sweden in Poland, Lithuania and the German Empire.

Gustavus Adolphus (1594 - 1632) was born in Stockholm in. He was the oldest son of King Charles IX of Sweden of the Vasa dynasty and his second wife, Christina of Holstein-Gottorp. Upon his father's death in 1611, a Gustav inherited the throne, as well as an ongoing dynastic dispute with his Polish cousin Sigismund III of Poland who, in the years prior to the Thirty Years' War, was forced to let go of the throne of Sweden to Gustav's father. Sigismund III wanted to regain the throne of Sweden and tried to force Gustav Adolph to renounce the title.\

Gustavus invaded Livonia when he was 31, beginning the Polish-Swedish War (1625-1629). He intervened on behalf of the Lutherans in Germany, who opened the gates to their cities to him. His reign became famous from his actions a few years later when in June 1630, he landed in Germany, continuing Sweden's involvement in the ongoing Thirty Years' War. Gustavus intervened on the anti-Imperial side, which at the time was losing to the Holy Roman Empire and its Catholic allies; the Swedish forces would quickly reverse that situation.

Gustavus was married to Maria Eleonora of Brandenburg, the daughter of John Sigismund, Elector of Brandenburg, and chose the Prussian city of Elbing as the base for his operations in Germany. He died in



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the Battle of Lützen in 1632.

Detailed Condition:

Some soiling and softening of paper at margins.