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Landkaart van Klein Asie door Dr. Richard Pococke (shows Cyprus)

Stock#: 28356
Map Maker: Pococke
Date: 1781
Place: Utrecht
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 19 inches
Price: \$ 375.00



Description:

Rare highly detailed map of Asia Minor, Cyprus and environs, engraved by Lindeman, for a Dutch edition of Pococke's *Description of the East and Some other Countries*, first published in London in 1745.

Richard Pococke was born in Southampton and educated at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, receiving a Bachelor of Law degree. He seems to have spent far more time travelling than attending to his duties as a churchman and spent 1733-36 undertaking a series of tours in Europe. Detailed accounts of his first tours (1733-34, 1736-37) survive in a set of letters he wrote to his mother (British Library, Add. Ms. 19939). From 1737-42 he visited the Near East, [3] visiting Egypt, Jerusalem, Palestine and Greece. These travels were later published in his *Description of the East*, works which were praised by Edmund Gibbon. Among other things, he was one of the European travellers to give an account of the origins of the medieval Arabic document, the *Achname* of Muhammad, which claims that the Prophet Muhammad had personally confirmed a grant of protection and other privileges to the monks of Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai.

Detailed Condition: