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Mapa De La Isla De Menorca, Dividido En Los Terminos De Alhayer, Ciudadela, Ferrarias, Mahon y Mercadal . . . 1780

Stock#: 33367
Map Maker: López
Date: 1780
Place: Madrid
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of this rare map of Minorca, published by Tomas Lopez, in Madrid, in 1780.

Lopez's map was meticulously compiled from a number of Spanish and other sources, including the maps of Agustin de Herrera (1740), Nicholas Bellin, Lempriere (1753), Beaurain (1756), Nolin (1756) and a map published by Francisco Xavier de Garma y Duran (1765). An extensive explanation of how the map was compiled is set forth at the bottom left of the map.

Tomas Lopez was the most important commercial mapmaker working in Spain in the 18th Century. One of a group of printers trained in Paris in the middle of the 18th Century, Lopez would become the official mapmaker to the King of Spain and the most important and prolific map publisher working in Madrid, in the second half of the 18th Century.

Unlike most major European mapmakers, Lopez never published a formal large format atlas. Instead, his maps were available for sale individually or bound up individually to order. Accordingly, it is believed that no two surviving atlases of Lopez maps are the same. Because the maps were primarily sold as individual sheets, all of Lopez's maps are quite rare on the market. This is the first example of Lopez's map of Menorca we have ever seen on the market.



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