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De l'Isle de Crete ou Candie

Stock#: 35745
Map Maker: De Belleforest
Date: 1575
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 17 x 7 inches (plus text)
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce early map of Crete, from De Belleforest's *Cosmographie*.

In 1544, the scholar and geographer Sebastian Munster published his *Cosmographia*, one of the most important and influential works of its type in the 16th century. In 1575, the Paris publisher Francois de Belleforest issued a French edition of the work which included this fine woodblock map of Cyprus.

Rather than reproducing Munster's map, Belleforest compiled an entirely new map on a much larger scale, based in part on a map of 1535 attributed to Giovanni Domenico Zorzi. Below the map is a lengthy description of Crete, which continues on the verso of the map.

The map is quite rare on the market. We locate only a single example¹.

Detailed Condition: