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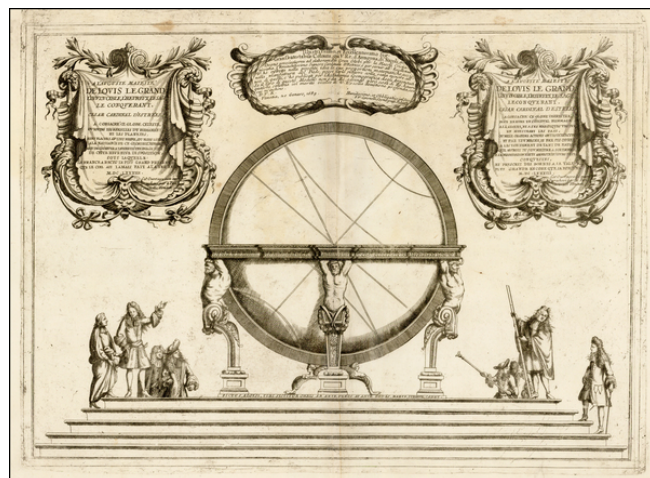
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Stock#: 36126
Map Maker: Coronelli
Date: 1689
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 24.5 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A finely engraved composition, celebrating Coronelli's construction of the 'Marly Globes' for Louis XIV.

In 1681, the Venetian cartographer and globemaker, Vincenzo Maria Coronelli, was invited to reside at the court of the Sun King. There, under the patronage of Cardinal César d'Estrées, Coronelli led a team of scientists and artists with the mandate of crafting the largest and most sumptuously decorated globes ever created.

After two years of exacting work, the globes were completed. They were an astounding spectacle, each being over 17 feet in diameter and 4,000 pounds in weight. The terrestrial globe featured the most advanced cartographic knowledge, much of it gleaned from the Jesuits, and elaborate baroque pictorial vignettes. The celestial globe featured all of the constellations in their allegorical splendor, with all of the stars heightened in gold.

The globes were housed in specially-constructed pavilions at the palace of Marly-le-Roi, thus granting the globes their name.

Vincenzo Maria Coronelli (1650-1715) was born in Venice and apprenticed as a xylographer, before joining the Franciscan Order in 1665. In 1678, after studying astronomy and geography, Coronelli began working as a geographer and was commissioned to make a set of terrestrial and celestial globes for Ranuccio II Farnese, the Duke of Parma that were 5 feet in diameter. He moved to Rome, where he constructed globes for major ecclesiastical patrons.

So impressive was Coronelli's work that he was invited to Paris to construct globes for Louis XIV, with the



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Marly Globes being by far his greatest accomplishment.

Coronelli subsequently returned to Venice where he published a grand atlas, the *Atlante Veneto* (1690) and founded the *Accademia Cosmografica degli Argonauti*, the world's first geographical society.

Detailed Condition: