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Die Furstliche Hauptt Statt Kongisbergk in Preussen (Kalingrad)

Stock#: 37685
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1581
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine early view of Königsberg (Kalingrad), first published by Braun & Hogenberg in 1581.

The following is a translation of the text on verso:

Königsberg in Prussia is a most noble and famous city, which was founded in the year 1254 by the Teutonic Knights. Alongside their artisan activities, the citizens engaged first and foremost in maritime trade. They thereby dealt in grain, solid and liquid pitch, which the Germans call resin, as well as salt, flax, hemp, wax, wood and also in a great deal of honey and mead; this is a sweet drink that is made from honey and comes from Livonia.

Königsberg's location on the Pregel, shortly before it reaches the Vistula Lagoon on the Baltic Sea, is shown on Braun & Hogenberg's view from the south. The river separates the town of Kneiphof on the island from the Old Town (above) and the town of Löbenicht (in the west). With the founding of the Old Town in 1254 by the Teutonic Knights, the two other towns also sprang up, but remained independent until 1724.

Within Königsberg proper, the Old Town church (Alt Steter Pfarkirch) can be seen on the left and, beside it to the right, the palace of the Teutonic Knights (Schlos) with its tall tower (Schlos thurn). In 1457 Königsberg became the primary residence of the Grand Master of the Teutonic Knights and in 1525 was incorporated into the Duchy of Prussia. On the Island of Kneiphof lie Königsberg cathedral and on the right the Albertina University (Collegium), founded in 1544 by Albert I, Duke of Brandenburg.

Detailed Condition:

Upper half of Braun & Hogenberg view. Lower half is a view of Riga.