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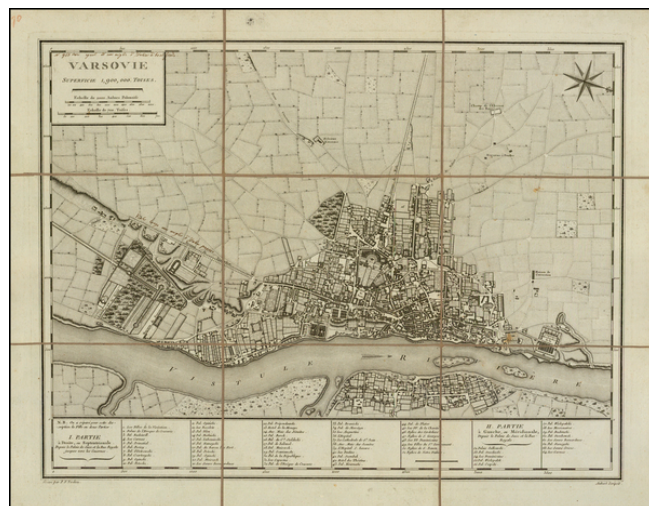
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Varsovie

Stock#: 39769
Map Maker: Tardieu
Date: 1785 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 17.5 x 13.5 inches
Price: \$975.00



Description:

Finely executed early plan of Warsaw, published circa 1785, in Paris, by Pierre Tardieu.

Tardieu's plan is based upon the 4-sheet plan of Warsaw by Pierre Ricaud de Tirregaille, entitled *Plan de la ville de Varsovie: dedie a S. M. Auguste III Roi de Pologne, Electeur de Saxe etc. etc., levé par ordre de S. E. M. le Comte Bielinski Grand Marechal de la Couronne*, first published in 1762 and Antonio Rizzi-Zannoni's single sheet version of the map, published in 1772.

Pierre Ricaud de Tirregaille (1725-1770) was a French Architect and Engineer. Tirregaille came to Poland in 1752, where he worked as a civil architect, surveyor and as an army engineer and captain of an infantry regiment. He attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Polish armed forces in 1762. In 1758 and 1759, Tirregaille worked for the "Komisja Brukowa" or Cobblestone Commission. Created in 1685, the Cobblestone Commission was tasked with paving the streets of Warsaw and creating a modern sewer system. The Commission remained largely inactive until 1740, when it was headed by Crown Marshal Franciszek Bielinski. Under his leadership, over the next 20 years, the commission managed to pave 222 streets, a large majority of streets of the contemporary Polish capital. In 1757, Bielinski, with his own funds, created the village of Bielino, which would become the modern city center of Warsaw. In 1762, with his work nearly completed, Bielinski commissioned Tirregaille to prepare a detailed plan of the city of Warsaw, which resulted in the creation of the first map of Warsaw, based upon a scientific survey.

Rizzi-Zannoni's plan, published in 1772, coincided with the efforts of Polish Nobles to enlist the assistance of French "democracy" experts in Paris, including Rosseau and Malby, to help restructure the Polish "Republic" on the eve of the first partition.



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The original Tirregaille plan is known in only 4 recorded examples, with the original manuscript having been destroyed in 1944.

Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on linen, as issued. Annotations near title in an early hand.