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Novara Mediolanensis Ducatus Civitas

Stock#: 40809
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1572
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice old color example of Braun & Hogenberg's view of Novara in the Duchy of Milan, from Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*.

This bird's-eye view from the east shows the narrowly enclosed city in a densely populated landscape, with Pavia (B) and Milan (A) shown in the background. Parts of the city wall has been damaged and the moat has been dug but not completed - a reference to the armed conflicts in which the city was involved at the beginning of the 16th century, when King Louis XII of France claimed Milan from Duke Ludovica Sforza and laid siege to Novara. Swiss troops helped the duke to victory in 1513. Clearly visible in the castle, originally a Roman fortress that was rebuilt under Duke Galeazzo Maria Sforza in 1468. In the 7th century the Roman city was the centre of a Lombardian duchy and in the 9th century of a French county. In 1167 it joined the Lombard League, and accepted the protection of Milan at the end of the 12th century.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Old book library stamp at top right corner.