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**Charta Ofwer Stockholm Med des Malmar Och For Stader**

**Stock#:** 55264  
**Map Maker:** Biurman  
**Date:** 1751 circa  
**Place:** Stockholm  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 22.5 x 19.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

***Planning For Fires In 18th Century Stockholm***

Rare plan of Stockholm, engraved by Georg Biurman in Stockholm.

At the top left, the map includes a table which includes flag signals according to the Royal Regulation of December 28, 1728, which was intended to assist with warnings in the event of fires. The map shows the symbols of a city-wide alert system for fires. These “Bransignaler”—described in the upper right of the map—used a system of flags, lanterns, church bells, and cannon shots to communicate where the fire was occurring within five regions of the area. Coming so soon after the Klarabranden, this map reminds its viewers to be prepared and to know their warning signals.

Klarabranden was the second of three significant, eighteenth-century fires that Stockholm suffered, lasting for a day beginning June 8, 1751. All three fires took their names from the main churches they destroyed. In 1723 the Katarinabranden destroyed the Church of Catherine in the southern part of the city. In 1751 the Klarabranden destroyed the Church of Saint Clara in the northern part of the city. and in 1759 the Mariabranden destroyed the Maria Magdalena Church back in the southern district. The



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Klarabranden destroyed 221 buildings, which, although at first ruled an arson planned to undermine the newly installed King Adolf Fredrik, turned out to have started accidentally at a dyeing workshop.

The map was later re-issued with a slightly different title:

*Charta Öfwer Stockholm med des Malmar och Forstader: af Hans Kongl. Majt til Strandernes anlaggning i Nåder faststæld den 1. Iulii 1751*

Georg Biurman (1700 - 1755) was a Swedish surveyor and engraver, who began working for the Kongl. Landtmateri Contoiret (Swedish Land Survey Office) in the 1730s. The Office had originally been founded by Anders Bure in 1628. Biurman is best known for a series of atlases and maps of Stockholm and Sweden, as well as a travel guide published in 1742. His general map of Sweden, published in 1747, is considered a landmark work, replacing Andreas Bure's map of 1628 as the most important map of Sweden until the early 19th Century.

This is one of several maps engraved by Georg Biurman, including:

- Svea ock Gota Riken med Finalnd ock Norland (1747)
- Charta ofwer Nerike, af Kongl. Landmaterie Contoiret
- Charta ofwer Upland och Soder Torn, af des Landtmaterie Contioret
- Charta ofwer Wastmanland och Fierhundra . . .
- Charts ofwer Stockholms Stads Belagenhet

The present map is apparently a rare early state, as we were able to locate only 1 or 2 other examples pre-dating the addition of the text and 1751 date.

#### **Detailed Condition:**

Several minor fold splits, repaired on verso, just entering printed image. Wide margins.