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(Maastricht) Traiectum ad Mosam urbs et natura loci,

Stock#: 56256mp2
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1575
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking view of Maastricht.

From Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the most important book of town plans and views published in the 16th Century.

Translation of Title: Maastricht, a city that is well known because of its natural position, its fortifications, the size of its population, its buildings and great collegiate foundations, reveals itself as a double city joined by a magnificent bridge.

Translation of verso text:

Tricht is a large city, situated on both sides of the Meuse, joined by a fine stone bridge with ten arches. The part of the city that lies on the east bank is called Wyck. The city is subject in part to the bishop of Liège and in part to the Duke of Brabant, who is currently the invincible King of Spain, Philip. The main church is the Collegium of St Servatius, in which the relics of St Servatius and many other saints are kept.

The Traiectum ad Mosam - "crossing over the Meuse" - gave Maastricht its name, and the city is shown in a view from the east over the Wyck and the Meuse in bird's-eye perspective: on the right, above the 160-m-long stone bridge from the 13th century, we see first the Sint-Servaas basilica, on the left to the high tower of the late Gothic Sint-Janskerk and further to the left the late Romanesque Onze-Lieve-Vrouwe



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church from the 11th/12th centuries. From 1284 onwards Maastricht was under the rule of the Dukes of Brabant and the prince-bishops of Liège. A major historical event was the conquest and looting of Maastricht by the Spanish during the Dutch Revolt on 1579.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. some color offsetting and minor restorations. Archivally backed on verso with a thin layer of paper.