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Vero Dissegno Del Lago Di Geneva Con i Luoghi Chel Circondao

Stock#: 62737
Map Maker: Franco & Bertelli
Date: 1590 circa
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Previously Unknown First State

Important early map of Lake Geneva, published by Giacomo Franco and Lucca Bertelli.

The present map is perhaps the second earliest known map of Geneva, and is based upon the map of Giacomo Fornasieri (1589 circa), the earliest printed map of Lake Geneva, and engraved only a few years after the completion of the oldest known manuscript map of the lake by Jean du Villard. The first detailed description of Lake Geneva is credited to the Genevan Villard, who in 1588 made an important handwritten map of the region, accompanied by a detailed list of the fish species of the lake, which is preserved at the Archives Departementales de la Savoie in Chambéry.

Prior to the discovery of this map, there were two known examples of the Franco/Bertelli map of Geneva (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek and Vilnius, University Library). The present map is an previously unknown earlier state of the map, which does not include the scale of miles.

Detailed Condition:

The map has was previously folded in quarter sections, and has been cleaned, flattened and archivally conserved. Several small wormholes have been expertly restored and there are other very small areas of paper weakness and loss along the folds, which have been expertly restored.