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Partie de la Barbarie, ou est le Royaume d'Alger. . . 1655

Stock#: 67395
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1655
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 21 x 15.5 inches
Price: \$ 195.00



Description:

A nice example of Sanson's 1655 double-page engraved map of the Algerian coast of North Africa. The map shows the Barbary Coast divided a large number of states extending inland from the Mediterranean to the southern Atlas Mountains. This gives way to an area labeled as part of Biledulgerid (the country of dates). Maps of this period typically name the area as such, though there are indications that Bildulgerid was, in fact, closer to Tripoli. These many states were often at war during this period, and piracy was common in the waters off of this area.

The map includes nice detail pertaining to the features and cities of the area. The Atlas mountains and other coastal areas are relatively well mapped, but the area to the south is given many lakes and forests which in fact do not exist. However, cities and towns like "Mezzab" [M'Zab], are somewhat accurately mapped.

Detailed Condition: