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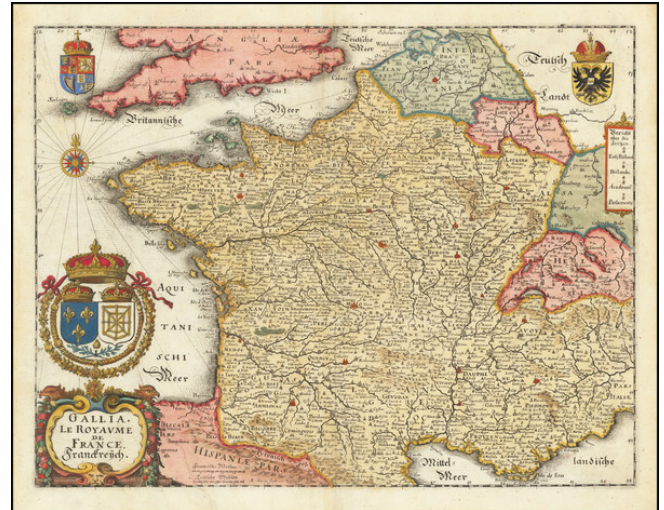
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Stock#: 67566
Map Maker: Merian
Date: 1636
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A striking full-color example of Merian's decorative map of France. The map includes a large cartouche, compass rose, and four coats of arms. The map is extensively and accurately detailed, typical of Merian's maps. Parts of adjoining countries are shown including Belgium, Luxembourg, England, Spain, and Switzerland.

What stands out the most on the map are the many rivers of the region. The five great rivers of France and their many branches are all easily traceable and named. Important cities, including Lyon and Rennes, are colored in red, though the choice of which cities got this treatment seems a bit random. Auch, Cahors, and Langres are all colored while Toulouse, Nice, and Bordeaux are uncolored. Paris is shown in green. Other features, such as forests and hills, are all shown in attractive pictorial style. Even bridges are shown and labeled.

The four coats of arms are all crested with crowns, representing the French monarchy. The Fleur de Lys in the bottom left is accompanied by an L, representing Louis XIII, the current ruler. The double-headed eagle signals that France was considered an empire at the time and the country's layout was indeed extensive, as shown in this map.

These features make for a very attractive mid-17th century map of France. The country is shown at one of its many peaks of power, and detail is abundant and relatively accurate for maps of the time.

Detailed Condition:



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