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Stock#: 67888
Map Maker: Coronelli
Date: 1688 circa
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 23.5 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Celebrating the Venetian Conquest of Preveza

Fine early map of Preveza Bay on the west coast of Greece, published in Venice by Coronelli.

The map was likely published to commemorate the conquest of Preveza and environs by the Venetians from the Ottoman Empire in 1684.

The map shows the Ambracian Gulf, including the town of Preveza, and part of Lefkada. Fine inset of the fortress city of Preveza guarding the inlet.

Includes a large figurative cartouche with crest and weapons.

Preveza

The Ottomans refounded Preveza in about 1477, with a subsequent strengthening of the fortifications in 1495. The naval Battle of Preveza was fought off the shores of Preveza on in September 1538, where the Ottoman fleet of Hayreddin Barbarossa defeated a united Christian fleet under the Genoese captain Andrea Doria. This day is a Turkish Navy National Holiday, and some of today Turkish submarines called "Preveze".

Preveza was hotly contested in several Ottoman-Venetian Wars. In September 1684, at the early part of the Morean War, the Venetians, aided by the Greeks, crossed from the island of Lefkada (Santa Maura) and captured Preveza as well as Vonitsa, which gave them control of Acarnania - an important morale



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booster towards the main campaign in the Morea. However, at the end of the war in 1699 Preveza was handed back to Ottoman rule.

Venice would capture Preveza again in 1717, during its next war with the Ottomans and was this time able to hold on to the town and fort. Venetian rule would persist until the very end of the Venetian Republic itself in 1797.

Detailed Condition:

Minor discoloration at centerfold, most noticeably at the top center.