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Le Royaume De Pologne Le Grande Duché De Lithuanie Suivant les Nouvelles Observations . . .

Stock#: 68409
Map Maker: Le Rouge
Date: 1745
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 25 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

This is a scarce map encompassing Poland and parts of the greater Baltic Region, Russian, and Ukraine. The map extends from the Gulf of Riga to the Black Sea at the mouth of the Dniepr. The map includes an attractive cartouche. This is only the second time we have handled this map

The detail on the map is extensive and well-executed, reflective of the Hanovarian military training of the creator. Numerous cities, towns, rivers, lakes, mountains, and forests are all shown. Important cities of the period, such as Prague, Vienna, Dantzic, and Smolensk are colored in red. The level of detail only increases upon close inspection, with notes and depictions such as "the 4 castles" near Weissembourg in Transylvania showing now-lost elements of geography.

The reigning power of the region, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, was in steep decline. Successes in the 16th and 17th centuries had elevated it to prominence, but internal issues, such as those created by the liberum veto, and the expansionist tendencies of its neighbors would soon see its downfall. The secret pact between the Alliance of the Three Black Eagles had been signed at the time of the creation of this map, and small cessions of land had already been made to Russia. By 1772, the Partitions of Poland would be in full swing, with the third and final Partition occurring in 1795.

Detailed Condition:

Some very slight toning in margins.