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Polo Settentrionale, o Boreale, et Artico

Stock#: 70275
Map Maker: Coronelli
Date: 1690
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 15 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare north polar section of Coronelli's remarkable globe gores, first published in 1690.

The present gore section is the calotte for Coronelli's large (110cm) globe. The section includes extensive details in Greenland, Spitzbergen, Wiches Land, Yan Mayer Island, Davis Straits, Hudson's Bay and Nova Zembla.

Vincenzo Maria Coronelli (1650-1718) was a Franciscan monk, cosmographer, cartographer and publisher, best known for his atlases and globes. Coronelli first studied printing in Ravenna at the age of 10. In 1663, he was accepted into the Conventual Franciscans, becoming a novice in 1665. In 1674, Coronelli earned his doctor's degree in theology in Rome.

As a student, Coronelli excelled in math and astronomy. Shortly before 1678, Coronelli began working as a geographer and was commissioned to make a set of terrestrial and celestial globes for Ranuccio II Farnese, Duke of Parma. Each finely crafted globe was five feet in diameter (c. 175cm) and so impressed the Duke that he made Coronelli his theologian, where his reputation began to grow.

Cardinal César d'Estrées, friend and adviser to Louis XIV and ambassador to Rome, saw the Duke of Parma's globes and invited Coronelli to Paris in 1681, to construct a pair of globes for the King. Coronelli moved to Paris, where he lived until 1683, constructing a remarkable 4 meter pair of globes, which incorporated the wealth of new information coming to Paris from various French explorers of the late 17th Century. The Globes can still be seen in the Bibliothèque Nationale en Paris.



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As a result of the renown brought to Coronelli, he thereafter became one of the World's most celebrated map and globe makers. This Calotte is from Coronelli's most popular Globe, which was over 3 feet in Diameter.

Detailed Condition: