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Londinum Feracissimi Angliae Regni Metropolis

Stock#: 70882
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1572
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 13 inches
Price: \$ 6,400.00



Description:

The First Map of London

Fine example of this important early bird's-eye view of London, which appeared in Volume 1 of Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*.

The view was based on a now-lost twenty-sheet plan of London believed to have been made between 1547 and 1559. Tudor London with its suburbs now extends outside the city walls. At the heart of the city is St. Paul's cathedral with its tall spire, which was destroyed in 1561. The gardens of the manor houses and palaces stretch out in the direction of Charing Cross, linking the mercantile city with the royal court at Westminster. Across the Thames, spanned by the magnificent London Bridge, Southwark is depicted along with the bull/bear baiting rings, immensely popular sports during the Elizabethan era. The river is teeming with ships and a variety of boats.

The two panels of text, which flank the costumed figures in the foreground, describe the vibrant economy of London.

This is the second state of the map, with "cum privilegio" added to the lower right cartouche.

Detailed Condition:

Very minor stain in the lower right quadrant. Minor mat toning. Altogether VG.