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Natolia, quae olim Asia Minor [shows Cyprus]

Stock#: 71119
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1634 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine original hand-color example of Blaeu's decorative map of Asia Minor, showing Turkey, Cyprus and the Islands in the Aegean.

This attractive map shows all of Turkey, Cyprus, and the Aegean Islands to a relatively high degree of accuracy. At the time the entire region was under the rule of the Ottoman Empire (Cyprus was conquered in 1571 from the Venetians). A maritime battle scene, located in the seas to the west of Cyprus, memorializes the naval rivalry between the Ottomans and the Venetians. Major cities, such as Constantinople (Istanbul), Smyrna (Izmir) and Antioch are shown, while an elegant title banner completes the composition.

The map is from Willem Jansz Blaeu's (1571-1638) *Atlas Novus*, first issued in 1635, with new issues being published by Willem's son, Joan Blaeu. This atlas was the most commercially successful of its time, and its maps were widely admired as masterpieces of Baroque cartography.

Detailed Condition: