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Die Stadt Prevesa und die Vestung S. Maura

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Place: Frankfurt
Color: Uncolored
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Size: 14.25 x 10.25 inches
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Description:

Preveza and the Fortress of Santa Maura (Lefkada)

Detailed map of the area around Preveza and the area around the Ambracian Gulf in the Epirus region of northwestern Greece.

The map illustrates the region at a time when its control was being contested by Venice and the Ottoman Empire.

The Ottomans refounded Preveza probably in 1477, with a subsequent strengthening of the fortifications in 1495. The naval Battle of Preveza was fought off the shores of Preveza on September 29, 1538, where the Ottoman fleet of Hayreddin Barbarossa defeated a united Christian fleet under the Genoese captain Andrea Doria.

Preveza was hotly contested in several Ottoman-Venetian Wars. In September 1684, at the early part of the Morean War, the Venetians, aided by Greek irregulars, crossed from the island of Lefkada (Santa Maura) and captured Preveza as well as Vonitsa, which gave them control of Acarnania - an important morale 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 captured Preveza again in 1717, during its next war with the Ottomans and was this time able to hold on to the town and fort it - a meager achievement in a war which otherwise went very badly for the Republic.



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