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**Il Disegno D'Geografia Moderna Della provincia di Natolia et Caramania, patria de gli
sig. r i Turchi della casa Ottomana . . . l'Isola di Candia, et quella di Cipro . . . MDLXIII.**

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Stock#: 75155
Map Maker: Gastaldi / Forlani
Date: 1566 circa
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Large Scale Map of Asia Minor and Environs

Important early 2-sheet map of Asia Minor, Cyprus, and Turkey by Giacomo Gastaldi, engraved by Paolo Forlani for Giacomo Gastaldi and dated 1564.

Gastaldi's map is one of the earliest modern maps of the region. The map extends from the Aegean to the Euphrates River, with a marvelous detailed depiction of Cyprus. The map is based upon Gastaldi's 4-sheet map of Asia and was originally engraved by Paolo Forlani and published by Fernando Bertelli.

The map was first published in 1564, with a dedication to the humanist Florentine Cosimo Bartoli (1503-1572). However, it is possibly the map could be a bit earlier, as it is known that Gastaldi requested the privilege for the map on April 29, 1559.

Roberto Almagià opined that Gastaldi in collaboration with Michele Membrè, a Cypriot who in 1550 was chosen by the Republic of Venice as a Turkimanno (an official mediator in commercial negotiations with the group of Turkish merchants who frequented the Venetian market of Rialto) had already made a map of the region around 1550, as shown by a request of privilege dated July 15, 1550. However, no copy of this hypothetical map is known.

From a cartographic point of view, while the map retains some fundamental Ptolemaic elements, the work



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is primarily based on nautical charts of the period.

Map States:

- State 1: Dated M.D.LXIII and signed by Paulo Forlani Veronese.
- State 2: Same date, but with Forlani's name partially removed.
- State 3: Dated MDLXX.

Detailed Condition:

Two sheets, joined. Minor soiling. Margins added, as is normal for Lafreri School maps. Discoloration at centerfold.