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[Lithuania / Western Belarus] Partie De Lithuanie ou sont les Palatinats de Wilna et Troki, subdivises en leurs Chastellenies. et Parti du Palat.at de Minsk. . . . 1665

Stock#: 76057
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1665
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 16.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

Scarce regional map, centered on Wilna and showing the regions which were then part of Polish Lithuania.

The map, by one of the fathers of French cartography, shows the layout of eastern Europe in attractive detail, with many forests, streams, rivers, roads, cities, and more all shown. "Moscovie" in the northeast indicates the start of Russia, while "Livonie" at the top of the map denotes the southern Latvia.

The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth at the time of the publication of this map was beginning a precipitous decline. The Thirty Years' War and the attempted Russian invasion in 1632 had been defeated. However, the Polish Golden Age would end starting in 1648 following an uprising, and the first use of the *liberum veto* in 1652 would tie the government's hands. The 18th century would see the decline and eventual partition of the once-great empire.

Detailed Condition:

Original outline hand-color. Faint toning at centerfold.