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Partie De Lithuanie ou est le Palatinat de Nowogrodeck Litawiski, subdivise en ses Chastellenies. le Palatinat de Bressici en Polesie Avec les Duches de Neswies, et Slusck, et Partie du Palatinat de . . 1665

Stock#: 76190
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1665
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

Scarce regional map, centered on Minsk and showing Polish Lithuania, including part of modern Poland, Belarus, and northern Ukraine.

This 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. The area shown is now on the border between Poland and southern Belarus, with a small part of Ukraine shown in the southeast. Chelm, in Poland, is on the bottom left of the map while Minsk, the capital of Belarus, is on the upper right.

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 continued decline and eventual partition of the once-great empire.

One of the earliest obtainable maps to focus on this region.

Detailed Condition:

Original outline hand-color. Faint toning at centerfold.