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Polonia Lithania Livonia

Stock#: 76571mp2
Map Maker: Metellus
Date: 1598
Place: Cologne
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.7 x 7.7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Poland, Lithuania and the Baltic Region at the End of the Sixteenth Century

Rare and early map of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland and Sweden, published in Cologne by Johannes Matalius Metellus, also known as Jean Matal.

The map is oriented with west at the top and features many city and village names. It is based in part on Gastaldi's two sheet map of the region published in 1562 (*Il Disegno de Geografia Moderna del Regno di Polonia . . .*)

Cologne School

This work is from the so-called Cologne School of mapmaking, the members of which made a concerted, though largely unsuccessful, attempt to supplant Antwerp (and to a lesser extent Amsterdam) as a mapmaking hub in the 1590s and first decades of the seventeenth century. Cologne's role as a mapmaking center was boosted by Dutch and Flemish refugees fleeing persecution and war, just as that of Amsterdam was boosted by those leaving Spanish-controlled Antwerp after 1588.

Rarity

Metellus's maps are very rare on the market. This is the first time we have handled this map and we find no examples of the 1598 issue in the standard databases.

Detailed Condition:

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