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A New & Accurate Map of the Western parts of Barbary Containing Fez, Morocco, Algiers . . . [and] A New & Accurate Map of the Eastern parts of Barbary . . . [Shows Cyprus]

Stock#: 79133
Map Maker: Bowen
Date: 1747
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 16.5 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Two engraved maps on one sheet showing the Mediterranean, with a focus on North Africa. The upper map extends from the Atlantic to "Tripoly," while the lower map extends from Tunisia to the Holy Land. In addition to the many states of North Africa, Sicily, Cyprus, Crete ["Candia"], Malta, Madeira, the Canary Islands, and the Balearic Islands are all shown. Each map includes a decorative compass rose and a cartouche.

Annotations and detail in North Africa are extensive. The Nile is shown to just north of Luxor, and the many deserts and towns of Egypt are named. To the west, political subdivisions become more questionable. The Kindm. of Faisan "containing 101 Towns, [producing] the best Dates and Sena in abundance" appears, but historical references on this supposed entity are slim. Other towns, fortresses, and "fountains" are described, though this also appears to be more legendary than geographical. Nomadic tents dot southern Algiers and Tafilete. These many facets of the map make for a fascinating and attractive depiction of North Africa and the Mediterranean.

Detailed Condition: