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[Cadiz / Columbus's Point of Departure] Gades Ab Occiduis Insulae Partibus

Stock#: 79538
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1600 circa
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches
Price: \$ 375.00



Description:

Columbus's Point of Departure

Important early view of Cadiz, focused on the chapel of San Sebastian in the foreground with the city in the background.

The plate shows Cadiz seen across the narrow peninsula from the Atlantic. In the foreground stands the chapel of St Sebastian. A group of fishermen has been included in order to illustrate the fishing method described in the text. Also visible at the lower edge is the figure of Hercules, the legendary founder of the city, suduing the Nemean Lion - in this instance even two. On the left, as a picture within a picture, Hoefnagel shows crews being enrolled for service on the galleys by the method of casting lots, and subsequently being taken on board. A bastion is included on the right as a symbol of Cadiz's military importance.

The map appeared in Volume 5 of Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Some soiling and offsetting.