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Utriusque Castiliae nova descriptio [New Description of Both Castiles]

Stock#: 79695
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1640 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

"Utriusque Castiliae nova descriptio" is a beautifully adorned map of Castile, a historical region of Spain, created by Willem Janszoon Blaeu and published in Amsterdam around 1640. The map showcases significant Spanish cities like Zaragoza, Valencia, Alicante, Cartagena, Madrid, Cordoba, Sevilla, Salamanca, Palencia, Segovia, Toledo, Cuenca, and Granada.

As an example of Dutch Golden Age cartography, this map marries scientific accuracy with aesthetic appeal. The geography of Castile is presented in great detail, offering insights into the early 17th-century perception of the region. This detailed depiction of cities, towns, and geographical features provides a fascinating snapshot of Castile's landscape during the time.

Enhancing the map's allure are three decorative cartouches and three large coats of arms. These embellishments are not merely aesthetic; they also convey the political entities and heraldry associated with the region. The coats of arms likely represent the important noble houses or administrative divisions of Castile.

Blaeu, a leading figure in 17th-century cartography, was renowned for his meticulous craftsmanship and attention to detail, both of which are evident in this map. His work embodies the precision and artistic flair that characterized Dutch cartography in this period.

Detailed Condition:



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