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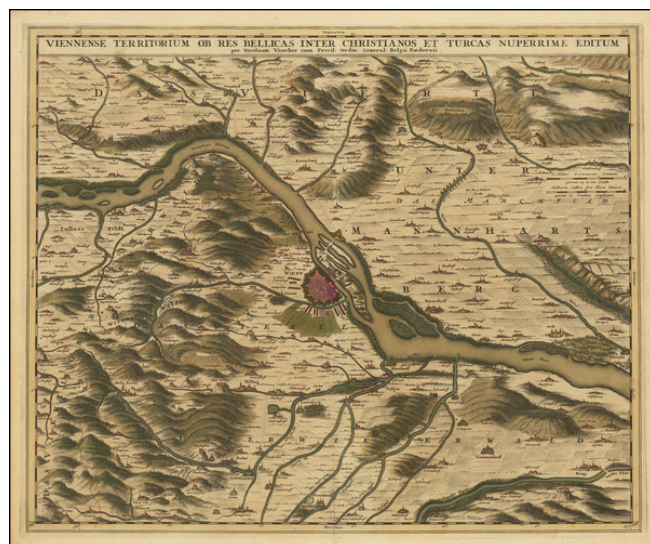
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Stock#: 80253
Map Maker: Visscher II
Date: 1700 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 18 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

The Battle that Saved Civilization

Scarce and finely colored map of the environs of Vienna at the end of the 17th century, published (as stated in the title) to reflect the recent battle between European and Turkish forces over the city. This copperplate engraving was produced by Nicolaes Visscher the Younger in Amsterdam.

The map shows the fortifications of Vienna and other towns along the Danube. The map is intricately detailed, preserving extensive detail of the vicinity of the city and the region of Lower Austria that surrounds it.

The map was published at a time when European attention was focused on Vienna for its role in its recent eponymous conflict. This two-month-long battle is often credited as the successful last stand of Hapsburg forces against invading Ottoman Turkish forces. Initially, the garrison to defend Vienna was quickly overwhelmed and had to retreat into the inner city to defend it, but an alliance between the Austro-Hungarian Empire and Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth soon arrived to relieve the city. An ensuing battle was fought at Kalenberg (see just north of the city on the map), and the Ottoman forces were defeated. The Ottomans were forced to retreat for the next sixteen years, and this battle proved a turning point in the Hapsburg-Ottoman Wars.



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Detailed Condition:

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