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(Corsica the Year it Became French) L'isola di Corsica Ricavata dall'esatta Carta del Signor Ruberto Vaugondy . . . Con nuova Aggiunta Di Luoghi, e Situazioni, in questa esistenti. Data in luce nella Calcografia della R.C.A. presso la Curia Innocenziana l'Anno 1768

Stock#: 86360
Map Maker: Calcografia della R.C.A.
Date: 1768
Place: Rome
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 17.5 x 22.75 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Corsica in the Year of French Ascension

Very rare map of Corsica, engraved in 1768 for the Calcografia della R.C.A, a Roman print shop. The map follows De Vaugondy's map of the island, and was published in 1768, the year in which Corsica was openly ceded to France.

The map is particularly nice as it has an inset of Bastia in the lower right, which shows the commune in impressive detail, with churches, walls, buildings, and more all shown in fantastic detail.

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The French Takeover

This map was published in 1768, the year in which the open treaty to hand Corsica over to the French was made. Previously, the island had been Genoese for many years, but the rise of a Corsican independence movement meant that the Genoese were no longer able to keep control. Starting in 1764, the Genoese privately handed over control of the island, with French troops slowly replacing the Genoese in fortifications. Finally, knowledge of the handover was made public in 1768, to the dismay of local leaders.

The handover of 1768 was of the utmost importance, as, had it happened a year later, Napoleon Bonaparte (born 1769 on the island) would have been Italian.

Detailed Condition:

Nice, clean impression. Minor staining.