



The first carte-à-figure map of Italy

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Italiae, Sardiniae, Corsicae, et confinium Regionum nova Tabula, effigies praecipuarum Urbium et habitum inibi simul complectens.

Amsterdam: Cornelis Danckerts, c.1640. 420 x 570mm.

£9,000

A very scarce separate-issue map of Italy, decorated with a long prospect of Rome and medallion prospects of Venice, Genova, Naples and Florence, eight costumes and a sea battle between a galleon and galley in the Tyrrhenian Sea. Originally published in 1606, there is a second state of 1620, this third state and a fourth state issued by Justus Danckerts in 1661.

See BORRI 89 for the first issue; he gives the map 95/100 for rarity and states it was never reissued, so he was unaware of this state. Schilder lists only 10 known examples.

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