



17th century map of Madagascar

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Isola di Madagascar, o di S. Lorenzo scoperta da Portoghesi nell'Anno 1506...

Venice, c.1690. 615 x 460mm.

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Large, decorative map of Madagascar, engraved in Coronelli's unique style, also showing part of the Mozambique coastline, the Comoros Islands and Reunion. Two decorative cartouches on the lower edge. The verso has Italian text and a smaller image of the island. Coronelli was a Franciscan friar; appointed General of the Order in 1701. He was also cosmographer to the Republic of Venice and founder of the Academia Cosmografica degli Argonauti, which was the world's first geographical society. In addition, he was one of the most prominent mapmakers and publishers of his day.

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