



A map of the 'Isle of Marriage'

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Carta Topografica dell'Isola del Maritaggio di Monsieur Le Noble per la Prima Volta Tradotta Dal Francese in Italiano. In Cosmopoli, MDCCLXV.

Italy, 1765. 8vo, contemporary vellum; letterpress title, pp. 40, folding map, 250 x 355mm.

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A treatise on the Island of Matrimony, written as a travel book, describing: how to reach the island, through the ports of 'Love', 'Bad Advice' or 'Self-interest'; and where to live, including the provinces of 'the Jealous' and 'the Cuckolds', and the 'Mountains of in-laws'. Once on the island it is impossible to leave, but it is possible to go to the peninsulas of 'Widowhood' and 'Divorce', the 'Great Mausoleum' and, for the truly masochistic, 'Bigamy Island'. The title cartouche features a man with the 'cuckold's horns'. There are other features we have not been able to translate from the slightly archaic Italian, so this item is worthy of further research.

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