



A VERY RARE MAP OF CORFU DURING THE OTTOMAN- VENETIAN WAR OF 1570

£12,500.00

Vera designatio Insulae Corcyrae, Portus & Munitionum una cum parte Epiri Accomodata ad Nostra Tempora. In Qua (.Vulgo iam dicta Corfun.) Veneti suam Classem contra Turcam instruxerunt.

Cartographer [ZÜNDT, Matthias.](#)

Date 1570

Stock #: 20425

Publication: Nüremberg, 1570. Sheet 170 x 195mm.

Condition: Trimmed into image, laid on old paper.

DESCRIPTION:

An extremely rare separate-issue map of Corfu, published as the struggle between the Ottomans and Venice for the control of Greece rekindled. It shows the Venetians using the island as a base to attack the mainland, with little vignettes of battles overseen by a Venetian Lion.

The following year an Ottoman invasion force arrived. It pillaged the island for fifteen days but made no attempt to attack the fortress of Corfu.

According to Karrow, Zündt was a goldsmith and engraver who produced 13 known maps. One, a six-sheet map of Hungary, was copied by Gerard de Jode for his atlas, 'Speculum Orbis Terrarum'. Zündt's last three recorded maps are broadsheets relating to this Ottoman-Venetian War: a map of Cyprus under attack; this map of Corfu; and a plan of the Battle of Lepanto, 1571. All are extremely rare: an example of the Cyprus map sold at Sotheby's in 2006 for £142,400; we have been unable to trace another example of this Corfu map for sale.