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AN UNUSUAL 17TH CENTURY PROSPECT OF TUNIS £150.00

Tunes in Africa.

Cartographer MEISNER, Daniel.

Date 1640

Stock #: 24684

Publication: Nuremberg: Paulus Furst, c.1640. 100 x

150mm.

Condition: A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A miniature view of Tunis, engraved after Braun & Hogenberg, but with a vignette of Hercules in combat with two soldiers. Above is a Latin motto, 'Ne Hercules Quidem Adversus Duos', with another line of Latin text and a four-line verse in German underneath. Neither the figures nor the texts appear to relate to Tunis. Meisner's book of town plans originally appeared in 1623 with only 52 plates. In 1624-6 it was re-issued with 416, and again in 1638-42 with a new title, 'Sciographia', and 800 plates, each plate with a letter before the pagination, as this example.