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18TH CENTURY BIRD'S-EYE VIEW MAP OF MALTA

£650.00

D'Oude Schets van het Eyland Malta, alwaer, Paulus Na Zyn
Schipbreuk Aenlandde. Act. XXVIII.1.

Cartographer	PUTTER, Abraham de.
Date	1729
Stock #:	21022
Publication:	Amsterdam: R. & J. Wetstein en Smith, 1729. Coloured. 320 x 450mm.
Condition:	A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

An unusual map of Malta, depicted as a bird's-eye view, with a 33-point key upper right. Although the title refers to St Paul's shipwreck on Malta c.58AD, the depiction of Valletta is contemporary, with geometric defensive walls.

Published in "Het algemeen groot historisch, oordeelkundig, chronologisch, geografisch, en letterlyk naam- en woord-boek, van den gantschen H. Bijbel", a Dutch edition of Antoine Augustin Calmet's encyclopaedic dictionary of the Bible and its times.

Putter is better known for his architectural engravings; this is the only map listed in Tooley's Dictionary.