



Engraved map.

CARTARO'S MAP OF CYPRUS

CYPRUS insula olim Macharia

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Publication date

1562

Publisher

Publication place

Venice,

Physical description

Engraved map.

Dimensions

245 by 180mm. (9.75 by 7 inches).

Notes

The second state of Mario Cartaro's map of Cyprus. Originally issued in Rome in 1560 by Cartaro, it was republished by the Venetian mapmaker Ferrando Bertelli. Although the sheet gives the place of printing as Rome, this map was often printed in composite atlases on the same page as a map of Crete by Bertelli, which gives the place of printing as Venice. Cartaro would later go on to become the official cartographer to the Kingdom of Naples; his monogram appears in the lower right corner (MK). The coastline is influenced by the maps of Henricus Martellus and the features draw on

another map of Cyprus published in Rome by Bartolomeo Faleti in 1560, with several important editions. The cities of Nicosia and Famagusta are emphasized: the seizure of Famagusta in 1489 was the deciding factor in the eventual Venetian conquest of the island. The symbol of Venice, the lion of Saint Mark, appears in front of Famagusta to highlight their victory.

One example was sold by Christie's, London in 2006 for £6,600. There are eight institutional copies held in Austin, University of Texas; Chicago, Newberry Library; Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale; Firenze, Marucelliana; London, British Library; Modena, Biblioteca Estense; Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale; Venice, Biblioteca Marciana.

Bibliography

Almagià 117; Bank of Cyprus 9; Borroni Salvadori 120; Destombes 55; Gallo M 69; Kraus 50; Parke-Bernet 60; Shirley I 125; Stylianou 26, fig. 32; Tavernari 73; Tooley 182; Zacharakis 356.

Provenance

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