

Engraved map.

SECOND STATE OF NELLI’S MAP OF CYPRUS

[Cyprus]

Author
NELLI, Nicolò

Publication date
1571

Publisher

Publication place
Venice,

Physical description
Engraved map.

Dimensions
136 by 190mm. (5.25 by 7.5 inches).

Notes
The second state of Nelli’s map of Cyprus.

It shows the beginning of the Ottoman Empire’s naval attacks on Cyprus. Cyprus had come under Venetian rule in 1489, but the Ottoman Empire made repeated attempts to reclaim the island. In the summer of 1570, Sultan Selim II ordered a full-scale invasion of the island. A Turkish fleet of 100,000 men commanded by Admiral Piale Pasha set sail and successfully took Nicosia on 9

September 1570. Famagusta fell the following year on 1 August 1571, and by the end of the year the Turks controlled Cyprus. The map shows the vessels of the Venetian fleet surrounding Cyprus. It is oriented towards the east, facing the direction of the Ottoman threat. It is a smaller version of a map by Claudio Duchetti, printed in Rome in 1570. Small maps like the present example were issued separately for loose sheet circulation and then often collected in a book to meet the interest of a specific customer. Nelli's map sometimes appears in the rare composite atlas by Simone Pinargenti, 'Isole che son da Venetia nella Dalmatia et per tutto l'arcipelago fino a Costantinopoli' (1573). Nicolò Nelli (1530-1573) was a Venetian engraver and printseller, who published the works of Giovanni Battista Fontana and Giorgio Ghisi and collaborated with Bertelli en Zaltieri.

Bibliography

Provenance

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