



An early plan of Messina published by Antonio Lafreri

ARGARIA, Casparo.  
 La Nobile Citta di Messina.

Rome: Antonio Lafreri, 1567. 425 x 565mm.

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An extremely rare map-view of Messina from the mainland (although the strait is depicted as a very narrow channel), with a 167-point key. The dedication is to the Duke of Bibona (Bivona?). Little is known of Argaria other than the fact he produced two maps: the environs of Naples (1538) and this plan. The publisher, Frenchman Antonio Lafreri (or Antoine Lafréry, c.1512-77), became a major figure in Italian cartography with his 'assembled-to-order' books of maps which had the figure of the Titan Atlas holding up the globe.

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