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Graetia Nuova Tavola

Stock#: 26503
Map Maker: Ruscelli
Date: 1562
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important early map of Greece, one of the earliest obtainable maps to show a modern cartographic depiction of Greece. Until this time period, virtually all printed maps of Greece were based upon Claudius Ptolemy.

The map is drawn from Gastaldi's map of 1548. Ruscelli's Atlas is an expanded edition of Gastaldi's Atlas of 1548, which has been called the most comprehensive atlas produced between Martin Waldseemüller's *Geographiae* of 1513, and the Abraham Ortelius *Theatrum* of 1570. Ruscelli and Gastaldi's maps were beautifully engraved on copper, marking a turning point in the history of cartography. From that point forward, the majority of cartographic works used this medium. As it was a harder material than wood it gave the engraver the ability to render more detail. Gastaldi sought the most up-to-date geographical information available, making the modern maps in Ruscelli's *Geographia* among the best modern maps of the period.

Detailed Condition:

Minor restoration and discoloration along centerfold