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### Tabula Africae II [Sicily & Sardinia shown]

**Stock#:** 39481  
**Map Maker:** Ruscelli  
**Date:** 1598  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 10 x 7 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Striking dark impression of the scarce third state Ruscelli's map of a part of North Africa, showing Algeria, Tunisia and Libya, and the Mediterranean, including Sicily, and Sardinia.

The present state can be distinguished from the earlier states by the addition of the sailing ship and sea monster.

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's *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: