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Decima et Ultima Europa Tabula [Greece]

Stock#: 41909
Map Maker: Sylvanus
Date: 1511
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Maps of Greece To Incorporate Modern Geographical Details

Fine example of Sylvanus' map of Greece, one of the earliest obtainable maps of the region and the first printed in two colors.

Sylvanus' map of Greece is one of the earliest obtainable maps of the region and one of the first to incorporate modern information. While it is based upon the Geography of Claudius Ptolemy, it differs from the earlier maps of printed editions of Ptolemy (Bologna 1477, Rome 1478, Ulm 1482, Berlingheri 1482 and Rome 1507), presenting some hints of modern information not present in the earlier maps. As noted by Ashley Baynton Williams

The most unusual of the editions of Ptolemy, was that published by Jacobus Pentius de Leucho in Venice in 1511, edited by Bernardus Sylvanus. Sylvanus, realizing the geography [of Ptolemy] was out-dated, attempted to update the maps by inserting more modern information, often from contemporary manuscript sources, over the Ptolemaic material, creating an unusual effect. An innovative feature is that the maps, which are printed from woodblocks, are printed in two colors, red and black, with the principal names in red.

Sylvanus also incorporated an unusual style of printing his maps back to back--the first ever printed atlas to do so and a process not again seen until the late 19th Century. As such, each map has half of a map on each side of the verso, being the right half of the preceding map in the atlas and the left half of the next



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map.

The maps are quite scarce on the market--doubly so, because of the maps in the atlas, only half can survive as complete maps.

A fascinating cartographic landmark and an essential map for early regional map collectors.

Detailed Condition:

Two sheets joined, as usual.