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## Tabula Africae III

**Stock#:** 62868  
**Map Maker:** Ruscelli  
**Date:** 1561 (1597)  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 10 x 7 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Striking dark impression of Ruscelli's map of a part of North Africa and the Mediterranean, showing the north coast of Africa including Egypt and the Nile River.

Ruscelli's Atlas is an expanded edition of Gastaldi's *Geographiae* 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.

### Detailed Condition: