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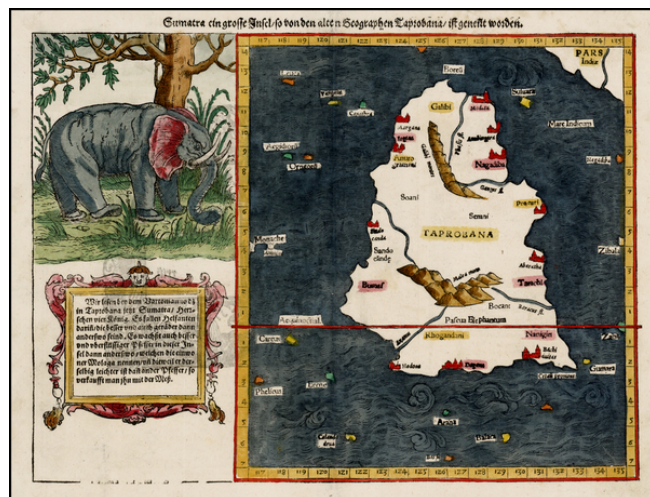
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[Sri Lanka]

Stock#: 0102gh
Map Maker: Munster

Date: 1570 circa
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 12 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fantastic old color example of Munster's map of Taprobana (Sri Lanka?).

Large cartouche of a man riding an elephant. Both Sumatra and Sri Lanka have been associated with the mythical island of Taprobana. In the earliest editions of his geographical works, Munster included this map which bears a striking resemblance to Sri Lanka, but in the second edition of this map, first published in 1579, the map is clearly intended to be Sumatra.

Sebastian Munster is generally regarded as one of the important map makers of the 16th Century. Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call for geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than hoped for, and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps for the issuance of his *Geographia* in 1540. This work was issued in a number of editions and followed by his highly influential *Cosmographia*, which was first issued in 1544 and thereafter in a number of expanded editions until 1628.

Detailed Condition: