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Totius Africae tabula, & descriptio universalis, etiam ultra Ptolemaei limites extensa

Stock#: 17084
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1550
Place: Baeel
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A nice full color example of Munster's map of Africa, from an early edition of Munster's *Cosmographia*.

One of the first modern maps of the whole continent. The Ptolemaic geography, with large rivers and convoluted mountains, is augmented from Portuguese and Arabic sources. From the Portuguese comes *Caput Bonespei* (Cape of Good Hope) and a small group of islands off the eastern coast named *Zaphala Aurifodina* that were supposedly the region from which King Solomon imported gold and silver. The Arab kingdoms of *Quiola* (printed upside down) and *Melinde* appear in eastern Africa and *Hamarich*, the capital of the mythical Christian king Pester John, is shown at the confluence of the twin sources of the Nile.

The map is illustrated with crowns and scepters, forests, parrots, an elephant, a Cyclops (*Monoculi*) and a large galleon under full sail.

Detailed Condition: