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Parte Del 'Africa

Stock#: 22190
Map Maker: Ramusio / Gastaldi
Date: 1556 (1606)
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 10.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important early map of West Africa, from the Tropic of Cancer south to St Thomas, compiled by Gastaldi for Ramusio's *Raccolta di Navigazioni et Viaggi*.

The interior is filled with lions, elephants, monkeys & camels, with a native village and the Portuguese fort at Elmina on the Gold Coast. This example was printed from the second block, cut in 1565 after the first was destroyed by a fire in the printing house of Thomaso Guinti after only a year's use. A noticeable difference is the mammalian faces of the seamonsters. The 1606 edition is recognisable by evidence of woodworm damage to the printing block and the pagination numbers '370' and '371'.

Detailed Condition: