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Schonladia Nuova

Stock#: 22730
Map Maker: Gastaldi
Date: 1548
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 6.5 x 5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Gastaldi's modern map of the northern parts of Europe is one of the earliest obtainable maps of Scandinavia and the Baltic Regions, along with early depictions of Iceland and Thule. Gastaldi's map would become the prototype for Ruscelli's map of a similar title (*Schonladia Nuova*), which was published in Venice from 1561 to 1597.

The map extends from the British Isles in the West to Scandinavia, the Baltic, Poland and the Volga River and north to Lapland. Denmark is in a Ptolomaeic configuration. Scotland retains its west-east slant, and Thule is larger than Ireland.

Giacomo Gastaldi is considered as the foremost Italian cartographer of the 16th century along with Paolo Forlani. From Piedmont, Gastaldi established his reputation in Venice and was cosmographer to the Republic of Venice. Gastaldi enjoyed a productive relationship with Giovanni Ramusio, Secretary of the Venice Senate, who used Gastaldi's maps for his *Navigazioni et Viaggi*. This map is from Gastaldi's edition of Ptolemy, *Ptolemeo. La Geografia...*, begun as early as 1542 and published in Venice in 1548.

Nice dark impression of this scarce early map, one of the earliest obtainable modern maps of the region.

Detailed Condition: