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Tabula Asiae VIII [India & Central Asia w/Monsters]

Stock#: 2291
Map Maker: Munster



Date: 1542
Place: Basle
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

One of the great monster maps of the 16th century, showing in the margin on either side three different imaginary human congenital malformations, as well as a one legged bird. These are three of the most famous medieval mythical creatures, which are based upon reports and myths which date to the early age of European Travel to the East, prior to Marco Polo's mid 13th Century travels in Asia. In addition, the map includes a scene showing Anthropolophagis (cannibals) carving up a human torso. All these exotic features and creatures and more were apparently still believed to exist in the regions of Central Asia North of India during the mid-16th Century, although likely not seriously so. A rich deep impression of one of the great collector's maps of the 16th Century. From the 1542 edition of Munster's Cosmography. From the 1542 edition of Munster's Geographia, one of the most important works of the 16th Century.

Detailed Condition: