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India Extrema XIX Nova Tabula

Stock#: 2322
Map Maker: Munster



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

Price: SOLD

Description:

The earliest printed map of the Asian Continent. Shows Asia from the Caspian Sea and Persian Gulf to the Pacific. The Pacific shows an archipelago of 7448 islands, a forerunner to the better understanding of Southeast Asia, which is largely unrecognizeable, although Java Minor and Major, Porne (Borneo), Moluca and several other islands are named. Does not include Japan, which appears on the map of America. NE Asia is also omitted. Large sea monster and mermaid type creature shown. The map is unchanged from the 1540 edition. Munster's Geographia was a cartographic landmark, including not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century. Munster is generally regarded as one of the three most important map makers of the 16th Century, along with Ortelius and Mercator. 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 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. A fine dark impression with wide margins.

Detailed Condition: