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Il Vero Disegno, della provincia della Natolia, et Carmania, con gli confini della Soria, Romania &c. dell' Arcipelago di Giacomo Gastaldo cosmografo Venetij MDLXX . . .

Stock#: 24533
Map Maker: Gastaldi / Zaltieri
Date: 1570
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 17.5 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Lafreri style map of Anatolia and part of Cyprus, extending from Constantinople and the Bosphorus Strait to the Euphrates River and from Cyprus to the Black Sea.

The map is a variant drawn from Gastaldi's untitled 1564 of Asia Minor, which covers a slightly larger area. The map would appear to be an entirely new plate, which includes some additions and improvements from the earlier 1564 edition and appears to also be on a larger scale than the earlier map.

The map is among the earliest obtainable maps of the region to depict modern cartographic details, rather than simply relying upon Ptolemy either entirely or as the major basis for the geographical content.

Giacomo Gastaldi was the first of a number of Italian mapmakers, mostly active in Rome and Venice, who were responsible for the production of the first widely distributed modern maps of all parts of the World. The maps were issued separately, but were also assembled both by booksellers and owners in bound composite atlases. These maps have come to be known as Lafreri maps, because in the 1570s, Antonio Lafreri of Rome produced a number of composite atlases which included a title page with his name. While there are a number of surviving examples of these Lafreri Atlases in institutions, these compilations are very rare and no two examples have identical contents.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling and smudging.