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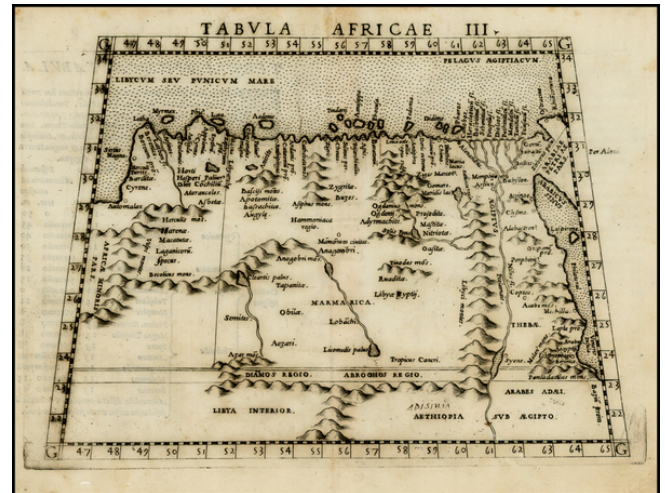
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Tabula Africae III

Stock#: 25928
Map Maker: Ruscelli
Date: 1561
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking dark impression of Ruscelli's map of a part of North Africa and the Mediterranean, showing the north coast of Africa including Egypt and the Nile River. Includes a manuscript annotation about the work Aethiopia (Abisinia?), which was added by an early hand.

Ruscelli's Atlas is an expanded edition of Gastaldi's *Geographiae* of 1548, which has been called the most comprehensive atlas produced between Martin Waldseemüller's *Geographiae* of 1513, and the Abraham Ortelius *Theatrum* of 1570. Ruscelli and Gastaldi's maps were beautifully engraved on copper, marking a turning point in the history of cartography. From that point forward, the majority of cartographic works used this medium. As it was a harder material than wood it gave the engraver the ability to render more detail.

Detailed Condition: