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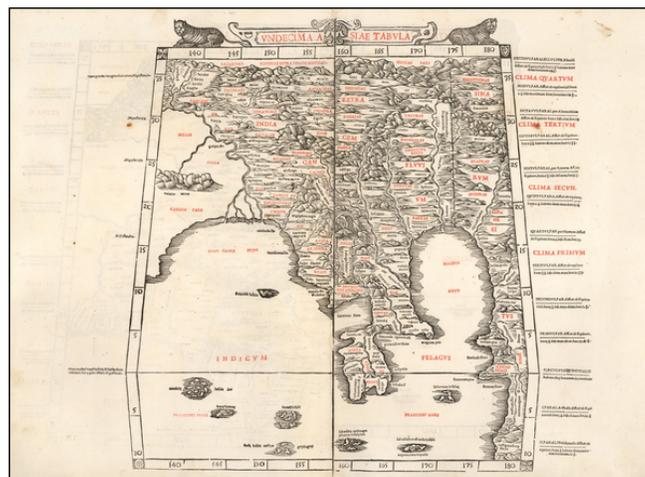
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Undecima Asiae Tabula [India, Southeast Asia]

Stock#: 29254
Map Maker: Sylvanus
Date: 1511
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 16 inches
Price: \$8,500.00



Description:

Fine example of Sylvanus' map of Southeast Asia, China, India, and adjoining regions, from Sylvanus' Claudii *Ptholemaei Alexandrini liber Geographicae . . .*, published in Venice in 1511.

The map shows the entire region of southeast Asia with the Ganges River in the west, the "Sinae" (China) in the east, and southeast Asia, the Indian Ocean, and China Sea.

Sylvanus' 11th Map of India and Southeast Asia was a radical departure from the 15th Century editions of Ptolemy. Until Sylvanus, all printed editions of Ptolemy were based on the trapezoidal prototype maps of Nicolaus Germanus, whose mid-15th Century *Cosmographia* was the basis for each of the printed editions of Ptolemy's work published in the 15th Century (1477 Bologna, 1478-90 Rome, 1482-86 Ulm, and 1482 Berlingheri).

The Sylvanus edition of Ptolemy is one of the earliest to include maps with modern geographical updates. The rich topographical style of the map is a marked deviation from earlier Ptolemy maps of the region. Sylvanus' work was also a landmark in the history of printed maps, being the first maps printed in two colors.

Sylvanus printed each of his maps using two plates, with each of the map sheets in the work printed on both sides, meaning that there are halves of two different maps on the back side of this example of the map. As a result, Sylvanus' maps are very rare on the market and certain maps virtually never appear on the market, where they appeared on the verso of maps which were more heavily sought after by collectors.



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Detailed Condition:

Two printed plates, which have been joined, as usual. A few minor spots.