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Africae Tabula V (shows Sicily and Malta)

Stock#: 29692
Map Maker: Sanuto
Date: 1588
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Sanuto's map of North Africa, from his *Geografia di M Livio Sanuto Distinta in XII Libri ... con XII Tavole di essa Africa in Dissegno di Rame ...*, first published in Venice in 1588.

Sanuto's map is centered on Tunisia and extends from eastern Algiers to Western Libya.

Livio Sanuto (c.1520-1576), was a Venetian cosmographer, mathematician and maker of terrestrial globes. Sanuto was one of the so-called Lafreri school of engravers, whose output signalled the transition between the maps of Ptolemy and the maps of Mercator and Ortelius.

Livio and his brother Giulio, planned a massive and comprehensive atlas to include maps and descriptions of the whole world, which he believed would be more accurate than any previously published. Unfortunately, he died in 1576 having only completed 12 maps of Africa. The 12 maps were eventually published in 1588 by Livio's brother Giulio, under the title "*Geografia Di M. Livio Sanuto...*".

In the compilation of this and the other African maps, Sanuto relied on Gastaldi's 1564 map and Portuguese sea charts for the mapping of the coasts and for information about the interior, used accounts by Duarte Barbosa and João de Barros. After its publication in 1588, this work was copied by other leading map makers for nearly a century afterwards.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing.