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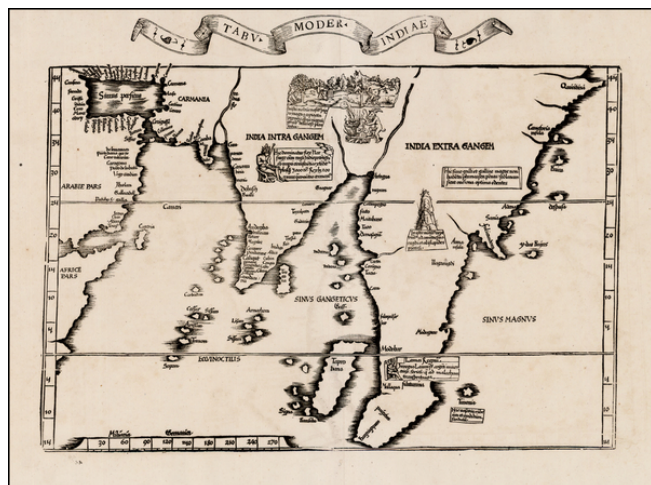
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Stock#: 30508
Map Maker: Fries
Date: 1522 [1535]
Place: Strasbourg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 17 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Lorenz Fries map of India and Southeast Asia, one of the earliest modern maps to represent all of the known regions of Asia.

Fries modern map covers most of Southern Asia and is centered on the Indian Ocean, extending from Arabia and the Horn of Africa to the Malay Peninsula and northward toward China. The map is based largely upon the Ruysch world map of 1507. Sri Lanka and the Indian subcontinent are relatively correct in their sizes. This map is among the earliest documents recording the Portugese explorations into the Indian Ocean, and is of primary importance in the mapping of the India and Southeast Asia.

The map is considered by some (see Suarez, *Early Mapping of Southeast Asia*) to be the second appearance of the first modern map of Asia (copying Waldseemuller's map of 1513). Suarez notes

The modern map of Asia is geographically unchanged from the 1513 version as regards the delineation of the coasts, but is now embellished with annotations and vignettes. One of these, a generic image of a king lying above Malacca in the southern portion of Malaya, represents a kingdeom not found on the 1513 prototype. It is said to be the kindgom of Lamai. This is a corruption of the Lamia of the 15078 Waldseemuller map (the last two letters being reversed), which [is] . . . Lan Na (Chiang Mai). The only missing ingredient to clinch the identity of Fries' Lamai as La Na is the kingdom's namesake lake, which appeared on the Ruysch and Waldseemuller maps, but is lacking on the Fries version.

Fries notes in the text that his maps of Asia were derived from the maps of the *Geographia* of Martin Waldseemuller published in 1513, with the present map drawn directly from this important work.



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