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Europae Tabula VI (Italy, Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily)

Stock#: 34414
Map Maker: Ruscelli
Date: 1598
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the scarce third state of Ruscelli's map of Italy, Sicily, Corsica, and Sardinia.

The third state is the only state of the map to include the sea monster and sailing vessels.

Ruscelli's Atlas is an expanded edition of Gastaldi's Atlas 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. Gastaldi sought the most up-to-date geographical information available, making the modern maps in Ruscelli's *Geographia* among the best modern maps of the period.

Detailed Condition: