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Tabula Asiae III [Armenia & Georgia]

Stock#: 39569
Map Maker: Ruscelli
Date: 1598
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Ptolemaic map of the region between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, centered on Armenia.

The map first appeared in the 1561 edition of Ruscelli's edition of Ptolemy's Geografia. Ruscelli's Atlas is an enlarged edition of Gastaldi's smaller format Geographia 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 maps in Ruscelli's Geographia among the best maps of the period.

The present example appeared in the 1598 edition, and can be recognized by the addition of the sailing ship in the Caspian Sea.

Detailed Condition: