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(Singapore, Sumatra, Malaysia, Straits of Malacca) Sumatra Ein Grosse Insel / So Von Den alten Geographen Taprobana . . .

Stock#: 40129
Map Maker: Munster

Date: 1588 circa
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 12 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

An interesting map of Sumatra and the southern part of Malaysia, with Singapore shown as Cinglolo.

Large cartouche of a man riding an elephant. Both Sumatra and Sri Lanka have been associated with the mythical island of Taprobana.

Sebastian Munster is generally regarded as one of the important map makers of the 16th Century. Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call for geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than hoped for, and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps, for the issuance of his *Geographia* in 1540. This work was issued in a number of editions and followed by his highly influential Cosmographia, which was first issed in 1544 and thereafter in a number of expanded editions until 1628.

Detailed Condition: