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Aphricae Tabula II [Includes Malta, Sicily and part of the Mediterranean]

Stock#: 47462
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1542
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

First edition of Munster's map of North Africa and contiguous parts of the Mediterranean, extending to Sicily and part of Italy and showing Malta, one of the earliest obtainable maps of the region.

Includes a large decorative shipwreck in the eastern part of the image. The map is based upon classical Ptolemaic information.

The map is unchanged from the 1540 edition. Munster's *Geographia* was a cartographic landmark, including not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century. Munster is generally regarded as one of the three most important map makers of the 16th Century, along with Ortelius and Mercator. 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. A fine dark impression with wide margins.

Detailed Condition: