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A True and Perfect pourtraicte of the duchie of Mekelenburghe from Iasimunde to femeren. / A Perfit Pourtraict of the Sea coastes of Laland and the countires adioyninge

Stock#: 48037
Map Maker: Waghenaer / Ashley
Date: 1588
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 13 inches
Price: \$2,400.00



Description:

Striking example of the scarce English edition of Waghenaer's sea chart showing the coastlines of Northern Germany and Denmark.

The chart includes the modern cities of Greifswald, Stalsund, the island of Rugen, Barth, Wismar, Rostock, and Lubeck and Heiligenhafen, along the German Coastline, and Fehmarn, Rodbyhavn, Nysted, and Maribo, in the north.

The chart is richly embellished with compass roses, sea monsters, sailing ships, and rhumb lines.

Shirley says of the English Waghenaer:

In 1588 Anthony Ashley, clerk to the Privy Council, was commissioned by Sir Christopher Hatton to prepare an English language version of... Waghenaer's... Spieghel der Zeevaerdt... For the English version new plates were engraved in England by Theodore de Bry, Jodocus Hondius, Augustine Ryther and Johannes Rutlinger .

The National Maritime [PBD8264 (40)] notes of this map:

The chart contains three coastal profiles. It is decorated with two ships and two sea creatures. A chart from Anthony Ashley's English edition of 'The Mariners Mirrour'. Lord Howard of Effingham ordered Waghenaer's sea atlas 'De Spieghel der Zeevaerdt' to be translated. It was so popular that 'waggoner' became the English term for a book of charts.



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The last copy of the English Waghenaer to be publicly sold was Lord Wardington's, which made 90,000 GBP plus premium at Sotheby's in 2006.

Detailed Condition:

Full old (possibly publisher's) hand-color. Oxidation of pigments, resultant offsetting.