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(German Empire, Poland, Baltic, etc.) Teutschland mit seinem gantzem gegriff und eingeschlossen Landtsschafften

Stock#: 49501
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1572 circa
Place: Basel
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Münster's well-known map of central and western Europe

Early map of Poland, the Baltic, and the German Empire, extending to the *Mare Germanicum*, the English Channel, the Upper Rhine, Croatia, Poland, and Danzig, on the Baltic. The map appeared in the 1572 edition of *Cosmographia universalis*. It shows north-central and western Europe at a time when their trade was booming.

South is oriented at the top of the map. Towns are marked with towers and buildings, with forests and maps represented as well. Indeed, Bohemia is entirely ringed by forest. The map includes a large scale of German miles that also serves as a compass; it lines the right-hand side of the map. In the lower right corner, to the northwest, is a ship of Nordic seamen. They are sailing out of the border, reminding the viewer of Viking raids of centuries before.

Sebastian Münster (1489-1552) was a professor of Hebrew who taught at Heidelberg and Basel. He settled in the latter in 1529 and died there, of plague, in 1552. Münster made himself the center of a large network of scholars from whom he obtained geographic descriptions, maps, and directions. He is best known for his *Cosmographia universalis*, first published in 1554 and released in forty editions by 1628.

Detailed Condition: