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Tab. Nova Norbergiae et Gottiae. [Verso title.]

Stock#: 55844
Map Maker: Fries
Date: 1525
Place: Strasbourg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Obtainable Modern Maps of Scandinavia

Nice example of the 1525 edition of Lorenz Fries's map of Scandinavia and neighboring countries, extending to Iceland, Scotland, England, Finland and the Baltic Sea.

Fries's map is one of the earliest modern regional maps of Scandinavia and the first which was reasonably obtainable for most collectors.

First published in Strasbourg by Johannes Gruninger in 1522, the Fries's map is based upon Waldseemuller's map of 1513, but with changes. As noted by Ginsburg:

Waldseemuller's map of Scandinavia appeared in the supplement section of his modern maps. A faithful copy of the Ulm map published [in 1482] . . . Norway is shown as "norbega." Most of the same cities are also included--"astro" (Oslo), "begensis" (Bergen), "nodrosia (Nidranos or Trondheim) and "Stauargerensis."

Regarding the changes, Ginsberg notes:

"The shape of the recut Scandinavia map differs noticeably from the 1513 version. The height and length along the top are basically identical, but the left-hand side is now almost vertical and the width along the lower border is about fourteen centimeters less. . . . [Fries] added four lines of descriptive text . . . these regions are very abundant in precious furs, which are brought to Western ports. This region, having overthrown its own leader, is subject to the



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Russian ruler. The savage inhabitants are similar in countenance to the Samoyeds."

Detailed Condition: