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**Tab. XII. Asiae Taprobanam repraesentans Medius meridianus 125 ad quem reloqui
inclinantur ratione aequin octalis et 9 septentrionalis**

Stock#: 57240
Map Maker: Mercator
Date: 1698
Place: Duisburg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Colored example of Mercator's Ptolemaic map of Taprobana, first issued in the 1595 edition of Mercator's *Geographia*, based upon the works of Claudius Ptolemy.

The map shows Ptolemy's erroneous location of the island of Sri Lanka near the equator, with a bit of India shown to the northeast. Includes a pair of sea monsters and a sailing ship.

While perhaps most famous for his maps of the modern World and the first to use the name "Atlas" to describe a book of maps, one of Mercator's life works was a corrected and improved edition of maps based upon the work of Claudius Ptolemy. The work was first published in 1578 and after, with editions issued as late as 1730.

Detailed Condition: