Tabula Aphricae III [includes Babylon, the Nile and the Red Sea]

Stock#:   57447
Map Maker: Munster

Date: 1545
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

From the Nile to the Libyan Sea

Highly decorative map of the region from the Libyan Sea to the Red Sea, including Babylon, Thebes, the Pillars of Hercules, Hanorum, Alexandria, Memphis, and many other classical places.

The Nile has its origin in Aetheopia Sub Aegypto. Interesting scene of a man being swallowed by a sea monster. The map is based upon classical Ptolemaic information.

The map is largely 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 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.

Detailed Condition:

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Several wormholes at centerfold, expertly repaired.