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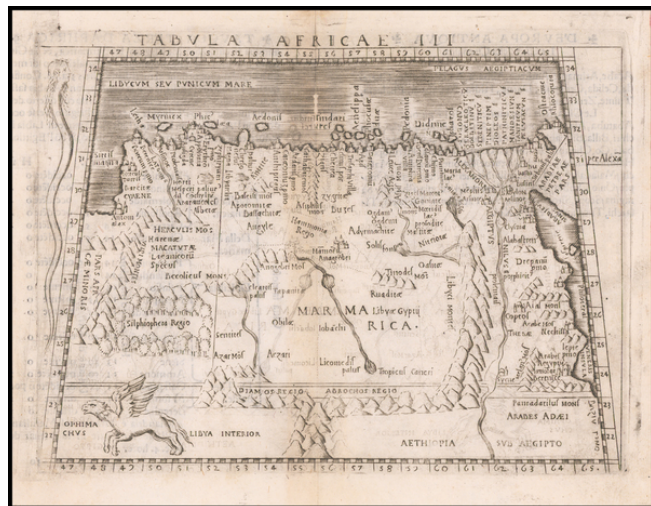
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Tabula Africae III

Stock#: 59603
Map Maker: Gastaldi
Date: 1548
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 6.5 x 5 inches
Price: \$245.00



Description:

Nice example of Gastaldi's map of the northeastern portion of Africa, based on Ptolemy.

The map extends east to Egypt and the Red Sea and south to Libya Interior. Snake with a human head and Ophimachus (winged creature) are shown. appear on the map.

Giacomo Gastaldi is considered as the foremost Italian cartographer of the 16th century along with Paolo Forlani. From Piedmont, Gastaldi established his reputation in Venice and was cosmographer to the Republic of Venice. Gastaldi enjoyed a productive relationship with Giovanni Ramusio, Secretary of the Venice Senate, who used Gastaldi's maps for his *Navigazioni et Viaggi*. This map is from Gastaldi's edition of Ptolemy, Ptolemeo. *La Geografia...*, begun as early as 1542 and published in Venice in 1548.

Detailed Condition:

Minor centerfold tone and very small section of loss at the centerfold, above "Tindari".