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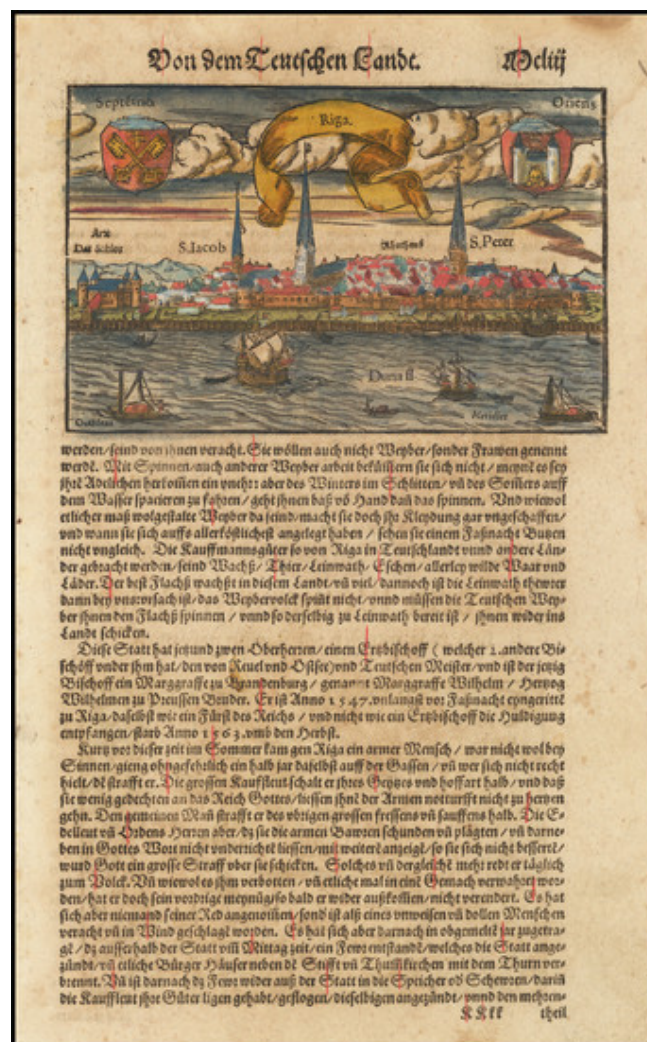
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Riga

Stock#: 67909
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1560 circa
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6 x 4 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Munster's birdseye view of Riga from the river, with decorative title banner and two coats of arms in the sky.

View is from the Duna, with several major place names given.

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



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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 for 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: