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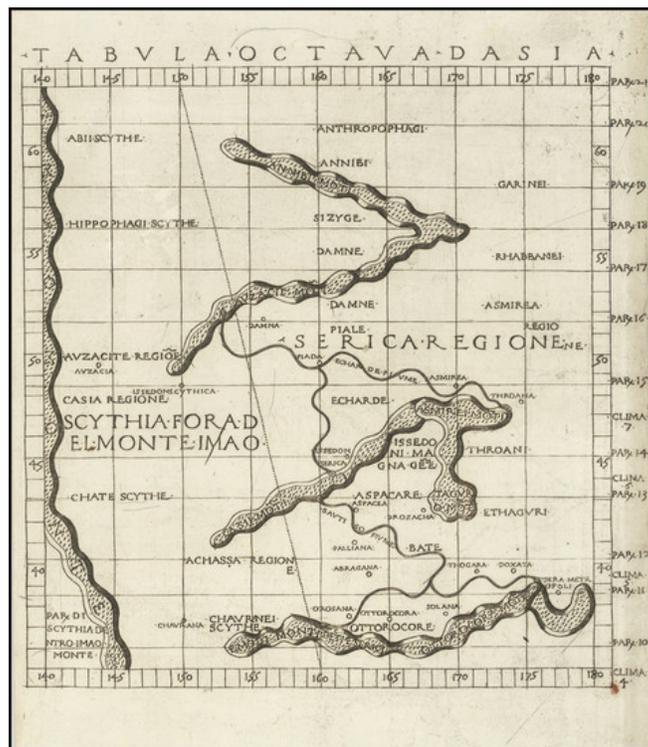
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Stock#: 73469
Map Maker: Berlinghieri
Date: 1482
Place: Florence
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.5 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Francesco Berlinghieri's very rare map of Central Asia, touching the Himalayas, from his *Septe Giornate della Geographia di Francesco Berlinghieri* (The Seven Days of Geography), published in Florence in 1482.

While Berlinghieri's map is the third printed map of this part of Central Asia (pre-dated by editions of 1477 (Bologna) and 1478 (Rome)), his map is of the highest importance for several reasons. First, the map is based upon the projections of Marinus of Tyre, a second-century Greek geographer, cartographer, and mathematician, who is credited as the founder of mathematical geography, a system which would have been employed by Claudius Ptolemy at the time Ptolemy originally constructed his *Geographia*. Berlinghieri's was the only one of these early Ptolemy atlases to use the original projection.

Berlinghieri's map is also unique in that it is the first printed map of the region to utilize a style that is notably different from the Nicholas Germanicus model and to adopt a different means for projecting the printed landmasses represented on the maps. The maps were printed by Niccolò Tedesco, a German printer (employing Marinus of Tyre's equidistant meridians and parallels). The maps also have rectangular



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borders rather than the trapezoidal borders employed in the earlier Bologna and Rome editions (and also the Ulm edition of 1482-1486).

The maps are also believed by some experts to be the earliest cartographic work of Francesco Rosselli, the most important Florentine mapmaker of the late 15th and early-16th centuries.

Detailed Condition: