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Tabula Asiae VIII [India & Central Asia with Monsters and Anthropomorphs]

Stock#: 74987
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1545
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Munster's map of central Asia is one of the great monster maps of the 16th century, showing three different imaginary human congenital malformations, as well as a one legged bird.

These are three of the most famous medieval mythical creatures, which are based upon reports and myths which date to the early age of European Travel to the East, prior to Marco Polo's mid 13th Century travels in Asia. In addition, the map includes a scene showing Anthropophagus (cannibals) carving up a human torso. All these exotic features and creatures and more adorn Munster's map of Central Asia, north of India.

A rich deep impression of one of the great collector's maps of the 16th Century. From the 1542 edition of Munster's *Geographia*, one of the most important works of the 16th Century. Sebastien Munster is generally regarded as one of the important map makers of the 16th Century.. 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: