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Stock#: 75588
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1605 circa
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 7.75 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Very scarce antique map showing the island of Sri Lanka and engraved in a marvelously mythical style. The map shows a great many sea monsters, mountain ranges, great pagodas, and Hindu gods and was originally published by Theodor De Bry in part seven of his *India Orientalis* at the start of the 17th century.

The map names Sri Lanka by an uncommon and unusual bastardization of Ceylon, its former European name. Numerous cities are shown, including many which never existed, although Columbo is shown in the right locale, as is Negombo. The mountains of southern Sri Lanka are named the Pica Dadani.

This map appeared as one of two maps in this notably uncommon De Bry volume, with the other focusing on the city of Candy. De Bry's maps are often notable for their legend-focused outlooks, and they often contain numerous sea monsters and mythical creatures. De Bry's works covered the newly discovered parts of the world, with a special focus on the Americas and Southeast Asia.



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States

This is the first of two states that we were able to identify, with the cartouche left blank. The map is dated in the cartouche.

Detailed Condition:

Minor centerfold toning and staining.