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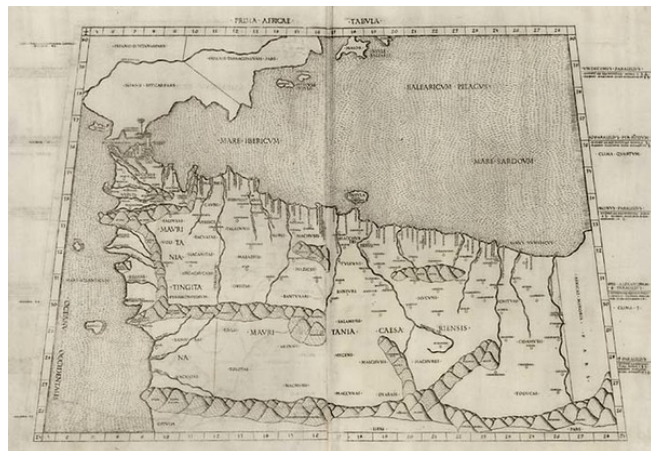
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Prima Africae Tabulae [Includes the Baleric Islands, Southern Spain & Portugal]

Stock#: 7655
Map Maker: Venetus de Vitalibus
Date: 1507
Place: Rome
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare map of part of the Straits of Gibraltar, Southern Mediterranean and the western part of North Africa, from the 1507 Rome Ptolemy, one of the legendary cartographic rarities. In 1507 and 1508, Bernardus Venetus de Vitalibus published editions of Ptolemy's Geography in Rome. It included not only the theretofore traditional 27 maps, but seven additional maps based on contemporary information. These are the first editions to include a world map showing the discoveries of the New World (by Johann Ruysch). The present map is printed on two sheets, and extends from Sardinia, Sicily, the Mediterranean and Adriatic in the North to North Africa. Includes excellent detail, based upon Ptolemy, including the marginal notes which are only present in the earliest editions. Extends from the Baleric Islands Spain's Mediterranean Coastline to the Pillars of Hercules, which are prominently shown, as are the Atlas mountains and a massive river traversing Spain. A fine dark impression, Excellent example of this legendary rarity. With the exception of the Ruysch World Map offered for \$240,000 in 2001, no map from this atlas has appeared in a dealer catalogue since 1995. An essential map for collectors.

Detailed Condition: