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Stock#: 81267
Map Maker: Munster

Date: 1550
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Munster's map of the Iberian Peninsula, one of the earliest obtainable maps of Spain and Portugal.

The map shows cities, rivers, mountain ranges, the Balearic Islands and other details.

The map is unchanged from the 1540 edition. 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 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 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: