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(Caspian Sea, Scythia, Bactaria) Septima Asia Tabula.

Stock#: 86186
Map Maker: Holle / Ptolemy
Date: 1482
Place: Ulm
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 21.5 x 12 inches
Price: \$ 2,800.00



Description:

Fantastic original antique woodcut map of Central Asia including the Caspian Sea and lands to the east.

The cartography of the ancient kingdoms of Scythia, Bactriana, Sogdiana, and Sacha Regio derives from Ptolemy and was published by Leinhart Holle in Ulm, Germany in 1482.

The 1482 Ulm edition of Ptolemy's *Geographia* was the first edition printed north of the Alps map and the first to appear in color which was applied by the publisher. The 1482 Ulm edition of the *Geographia* was one of the most important cartographic texts of the early Renaissance and the first edition of the work to be printed outside Italy. The text for this edition was based upon a manuscript translated into Latin by Jacobus Angeli and edited by Nicolaus Germanus that had been brought to Ulm from Rome in 1468. The Ulm Ptolemy was first published in 1482 by Lienhart Holle, the same year as Berlingheri's Florence edition. Ashley Baynton Williams notes:

Working independently of Berlinghieri, but apparently using the same or similar models, Holle also added modern maps of Spain, France, Italy and Palestine, but also the first printed map of Scandinavia, composed by Cornelius Clavus, circa 1425-7 . Holle's maps were printed from woodcuts, and are characterised by heavy wash colouring for the sea areas, typically a rich blue for the 1482 edition, and an ochre for the 1486 edition. These bright colours, and the greater sense of age that woodcuts convey, make this series the most visually appealing of the [Ptolemeic] maps.

Holle went bankrupt shortly after the original publication and the work was taken over by Johann Reger, who issued a second edition in 1486.

Detailed Condition:



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Original hand-color in full. Some staining at the top edge. Professional reinstatement of paper at the left and right edges, including minor facsimile on the right edge. Good to VG.