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(Pakistan Afghanistan & Western India) Asiae IX Tab:

Stock#: 89147
Map Maker: Mercator
Date: 1584
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 16 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A striking antique Ptolemaic map of Central Asia centered on the Indus River, published by Gerard Mercator in 1584.

The map extends from the Gujarat region in the east to west of Karachi, and in the north to the supposed source of the Indus in the Himalayas.

This state of the map includes no title cartouche but does contain a cartouche that reads: *Medius meridianus jji. ad quem reliqui inclinatur ratione parallelorum 24 & 34*, which explains the location in terms of latitude.

Mercator originally published this map in his Ptolemy's *Geographia*. Although Mercator is most renowned today for the projection he popularized and for first using the term *Atlas* for a collection of maps, Mercator's great dream was to produce an improved and updated edition of Ptolemy's maps. Achieved toward the end of his lifetime, the maps were beautifully engraved and are widely regarded as one of the best and most accomplished editions of Ptolemy, albeit one of the last.

Detailed Condition:

Minor marginal toning.