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## (First State!) [ Sicily, Sardinia, Malta ] Europae Tabula VII

**Stock#:** 94625  
**Map Maker:** Munster  
**Date:** 1540  
**Place:** Basle  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 13 x 10.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

First State of Sebastian Munster's map of Sicily, Sardinia, and Malta, based upon Claudius Ptolemy.

This map first appeared in Munster's *Geographia* in 1540, and shows a remarkable depiction of the region as it was known in Ptolemy's time.

Mt. Aetna is shown erupting on the island of Sicily. A striking scene of a major naval battle is shown below Sardinia. Several cities, mountain ranges, and rivers are shown, and many small islands are named.

Munster's *Geographia* (first issued in 1540) and *Cosmographia* (1548) are the most important and widely copied geographical works of the middle part of the 16th century and represented for most Europeans the first accessible maps and views of the world.

### Detailed Condition: