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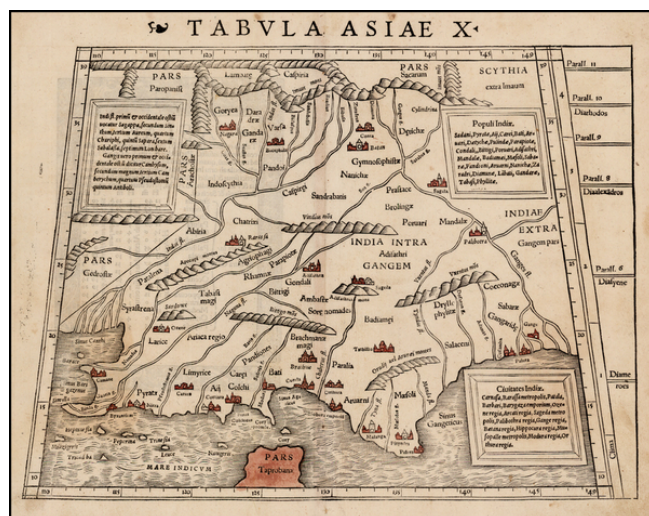
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Stock#: 0125gh
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1544 circa
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Early example of Munster's map of part of India, Bangladesh and Pakistan, and the Indian Ocean, extending north to the sources of the Indus and Ganges Rivers. The map, as with most of Munster's maps of non-European areas, is based on Ptolemy and late Middle Ages interpretations of his *Geography*.

The map shows India as a very low-aspect ratio peninsula, bounded between the Ganges to the east and the Indus to the west. Sri Lank ("Pars Taprobanae") can be seen in the south. Mountain ranges, many cities, and more appear. Three notes name the cities and peoples of India and delineate the subcontinent's geography.

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.



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Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in cities and Sri Lanka.