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**[Scandinavia, Greenland & The Arctic Sea] Tabula Moderna Prussie, Livonie, Norvegie
et Gottie [Modern Map of Prussia, Livonia, Norway, and Gotland]**

Stock#: 101887
Map Maker: Holle / Reger
Date: 1486
Place: Ulm, Germany
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 23 x 12.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

"The First Printed Map of Scandinavia" - Ginsberg 1

**"In the [1482 Ulm], printed ten years before the first voyage of Columbus, a map is given, embracing not only the North of the Old World, but also that part of the New world (Greenland), which, half a millennium before Columbus, was discovered by the Scandinavians."
(Nordenskiöld)**

"Because it is a first and because it has great visual appeal, the map of [Ulm Ptolemy] Scandinavia . . . is a cornerstone map for collectors." - Ginsberg, page 20.

This superb 15th-century map, the first printed map of Scandinavia, was produced by Leinhart Holle for the famed Ulm Ptolemy *Geographia* 1482. Holle's source for the map is a manuscript map drawn by Donnus Nicolaus Germanus, a Benedictine monk who produced the map between about 1468 and 1471. The present example appeared in the *Geographia*, also published in Ulm by Johann Reger, who acquired the woodblocks from Holle prior to 1486.

The historical significance of this map extends beyond its pioneering representation of northern territories; it embodies the transition from medieval to modern cartography. As noted by Nordenskiöld in his famed *Facsimile-Atlas*, this map shows a part of the New World in the form of Greenland ("Engronelandt") a decade before Columbus ventured to the Americas. Moreover, the map includes the place name "Congelatum" for the northeastern most sea, a name typically associated with the Mare Congelatum or Oceanus Glacialis, both early names for the Arctic Sea.



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The map features a representation of Scandinavia that would become characteristic of the earliest cartography of that region. Norway ("norbegia") is rendered with elaborate peninsulas and fjords. Oslo ("asto"), Bergen ("begensis"), Trondheim ("nodrosia"), and other cities are indicated and labeled. In Sweden ("Suetia que et gottia occidentalis"), two large lakes, presumably Lakes Vänern and Vättern, dominate the interior.

Off the west coast of Scandinavia, the Orkney and Faroe Islands are rendered under the general name Iperboreum (Hyperborea).

Iceland is depicted with a mountainous interior and six rivers running out from it. Ten Icelandic cities named and located.

States of the Map

There are two states of the map.

As noted by Ginsberg, there is no text on the verso of this map in either the 1482 or the 1486, and therefore the two states can only be differentiated by the printed title at the top, or lack thereof:

- State 1: (1482) No title
- State 2: (1486) Title added: *Tabula Moderna Prussie, Livonie, Norvegie et Gottie*

Detailed Condition:

Woodcut on 15th-century laid paper. Original hand-color, retouched and augmented.