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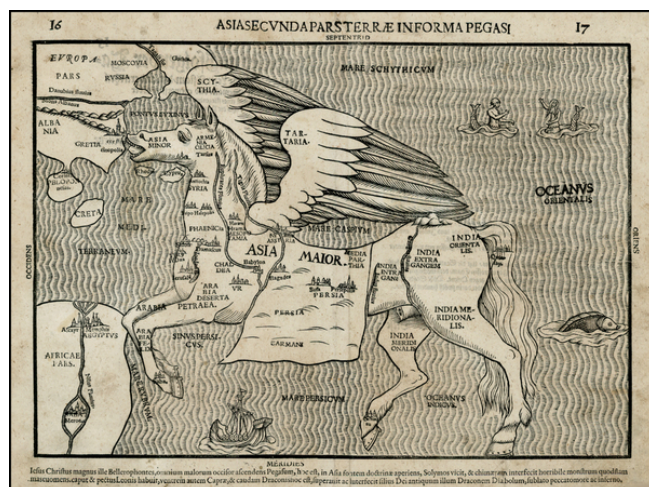
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Asia Secunda Pars Terrae in Forma Pegasi [Asia in the Form of Pegasus]

Stock#: 24673
Map Maker: Bunting
Date: 1581
Place: Hannover
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 9.75 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Early edition of Bunting's map of Asia in the shape of the mythical winged horse Pegasus.

The horse is drawn fairly realistically, with a good deal of imagination required to view the map. The head represents Asia Minor with the mouth at Istanbul. The wings portray Central Asia and Siberia. The Caspian Sea appears horizontally between the wings and the saddle. Persia is delineated on the horse blanket with the forelegs forming Arabia. The hind legs represent the Indian and Malay Peninsulas.

The map is among the earliest representations of a land mass in the form of an animal (or human).

This variant edition has the title set with the letters closer together than other editions and the word "Pegasir" misspelled, omitting the "r." There would seem to be at least 5 versions of this map.

Detailed Condition: