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**Deliniantur in hac tabula, Orae maritimae Abexiae, freti Mecani: al. Maris Rubri:
Arabiae Freti Mecani: al Maris Rubri: Arabiae, Ormi, Persiae, Supra Sindam usque . . .**

Stock#: 27938
Map Maker: Van Linschoten
Date: 1596
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice wide margined example of this important 16th Century map of the region centered on the Indian Ocean, from Linschoten's *Itinerario*.

Linschoten's work was a significant advance in the mapping of India and the Middle East. As noted by Tibbetts, the surprising fact about the representation of the (Arabian) peninsula is the close resemblance of the outline to that of a modern map when compared with other engraved maps of the time. Linschoten's maps are styled after Portuguese portolan charts of the 16th Century, upon which the map is based. Even in printed form, these maps retain the lush decorative flourishes of their sources.

Linschoten acquired most of the information for the map while serving as the secretary to the Portuguese archbishop in Goa, India from 1583 to 1589. Of particular value were the sailing guides he obtained that not only provided the best sailing routes to the East Indies and its lucrative spice trade but also showed the way from port to port once there. Upon his return to the Netherlands, Linschoten published these documents with accompanying maps and his own descriptions of the area in his monumental *Itinerario*. Few books have had greater influence on historical events.

The color would appear to have been added at an early date and does not appear to be modern.

Detailed Condition:

Fine wide margined example, with what appears to be early color. Minor discoloration at centerfold. Minor paper repair near the "A" in the word "Mare" at the center of the map.