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

Stock#: 29885
Map Maker: Bunting
Date: 1581
Place: Hannover
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 9.75 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Unusual variant 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 includes the pagination 34 and 35. Virtually all copies we have examined are paginated 16-17. The text is also set in 3 columns and the lettering within the image is larger and better executed than other editions.

Detailed Condition: