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Schonladia Nova

Stock#: 44116
Map Maker: Gastaldi
Date: 1548
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6.5 x 5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important early modern map of Scandinavia, Iceland, and the Baltic, published in Venice by Giacomo Gastaldi.

Gastaldi's modern map of Scandinavia and environs "built upon previous publications, in particular, the representation was based on the map of [Jacob] Ziegler [and Sebastian Munster]." (Ginsberg). In describing Ziegler's map of 1532, Ginsberg notes that Ziegler's map:

was the first different--that is non-derivative and consequential--representation of Scandinavia in the fifty years after the publication of the Ulm atlas in 1482. The north-south orientation of both Scandinavian and Finnish peninsulas are depicted more accurately, and many place-names and features can be readily identified. . .

One map historian commented that Ziegler's rendition was the first map that gave Scandinavia a more or less correct shape, and that it represented a marked improvement on Claudius Clavus's map of a century earlier, which was one of the sources of the 1482 Ulm Ptolemy map."

Giacomo Gastaldi was one of the most important Italian mapmakers of the early 16th Century. His set of maps for the 1548 edition of the 'Geographia' are among the earliest examples of his work, in a long and distinguished career. This edition was the first pocket-sized edition. Despite being prepared on a small format, the maps are clearly and attractively engraved. Gastaldi was the first to add regional maps of the American continent, with important maps of the eastern seaboard, a map of what is now the southern



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United States, of South America, and separate maps of Cuba and Hispaniola. Gastaldi published only a single edition, but his maps were copied by Girolomo Ruscelli for over 50 years.

The present example was bound without a fold and is in fine condition.

Detailed Condition: