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### Haute Ethiopie ou sont L'Empire Des Abissins, La Nubie, et le Zanguebar . . . 1655

**Stock#:** 49088  
**Map Maker:** Sanson  
**Date:** 1655  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 21.5 x 16.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Nice example of the first edition of Sanson's map of the Red Sea and Abyssinia, south to Madagascar, Zanzibar and the Congo Region.

Fabulous detail in the interior of the map, including towns, mountains, lakes, rivers and a host of other information. In the cartouche, Sanson credits the details of the map to Mercator and Sanuto (almost certain Livio Sanuto).

Livio Sanuto (c.1520-1576), was a Venetian cosmographer, mathematician and maker of terrestrial globes and also belonged to the prestigious Lafreri school of engravers, whose output signalled the transition between the maps of Ptolemy and the maps of Mercator and Ortelius. He and his brother Giulio, planned a massive and comprehensive atlas to include maps and descriptions of the whole world, which he believed would be more accurate than any previously published. Unfortunately, he died in 1576 having only completed 12 maps of Africa. The 12 maps were eventually published in 1588 by Livio's brother Giulio, under the title "*Geografia Di M. Livio Sanuto...*". In the compilation of this and the other African maps, Sanuto relied on Gastaldi's 1564 map and Portuguese sea charts for the mapping of the coasts and for information about the interior, using accounts by Duarte Barbosa and João de Barros. After its publication in 1588 this work was copied by other leading map makers for nearly a century afterwards.

#### Detailed Condition: