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Disegno della Sogdiana, Battriana, Hircania, Parthia, et Media, Secondo la Geographia di Strabone, nel libro Undecimo

Stock#: 54736
Map Maker: Gastaldi
Date: 1561 circa
Place: Venice ?
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Second Known Example of the Gastaldi-Strabo Map of Persia, etc.

Rare separately published regional map, based upon Strabo, showing Turkmenistan, Iran and the Caspian Sea.

A combination of modern geography and ancient place names used by Strabo, the map was unrecorded until a copy of the map was discovered by Peter Meurer in a unique sixteenth century composite atlas from the house of Bertelli in Venice; one of 15 previously unknown maps all utilizing information from Strabo. According with Meurer they are the "absolute scientific highlight of the atlas".

The Strabo maps were apparently created to illustrate an Italian edition of the books of the Geography by the Greek geographer, historian and philosopher Strabo, however there is no surviving example of an illustrated edition of Strabo's Geography published in Italy in the sixteenth century and no record of its publication. There was, however, a contemporary edition printed in Venice and Ferrara in 1562 and 1565. Contemporary map historians attribute the maps the Giacomo Gastaldi.

The maps in the series were designed on the basis of contemporary models, while the entries and names of towns regions, etc. follow the nomenclature of Strabo. None of the present maps are signed, but there exists a sole example of a second state of the general map of Italy in which the authorship is also assigned to Giacomo Gastaldi. Engraving with fine original coloring, in perfect condition.



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Detailed Condition:

Old Color