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[Arabian Peninsula] Tabula Asiae VI

Stock#: 63823
Map Maker: Ruscelli
Date: 1598
Place: Venice
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine dark impression of Ruscelli's map of the Saudi Peninsula, Persian Gulf and Red Sea.

The present example is the third state of the map, which was first published in 1561 and revised in 1574. It is the final 1598 edition which is re-engraved and revised to include a Sea Monster and Sailing Ship. While the earlier editions appear on the market with some frequency, this final edition is much scarcer than its predecessors.

Ruscelli's Atlas is an expanded edition of Gastaldi's Atlas of 1548, which has been called the most comprehensive atlas produced between Martin Waldseemüller's *Geographiae* of 1513, and the Abraham Ortelius *Theatrum* of 1570. Ruscelli and Gastaldi's maps were beautifully engraved on copper, marking a turning point in the history of cartography. From that point forward, the majority of cartographic works used this medium. As it was a harder material than wood it gave the engraver the ability to render more detail. Gastaldi sought the most up-to-date geographical information available, making the modern maps in Ruscelli's *Geographia* among the best modern maps of the period.

Detailed Condition:

Minor dampstaining in lower margins, well outside the printed image. Minor stitch hole at centerfold.