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Tabulam Hanc Aegypti, Si aequus ac diligens lector, cum alys...Imperio Ioannis, ut vocat Praesbyteri regno Congo et circum vicinis regionibus....

Stock#: 7483

Map Maker: De Bry / Pigafetta

Date: 1598Place: FrankfurtColor: Uncolored

Condition: VG

Size: 16 x 12 inches each

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice unjoined example of the 2 sheet Pigafetta map of Africa, from the 1598-99 edition of De Bry's Petit Voyages. Pigafetta's map of Africa based on the explorations of Duarte Lopes, a Portuguese whose voyages to the Congo Basin added to the speculation about the source of the Nile. Rather than following the Ptolemaic convention of twin sources in the Mountains of the Moon the two lakes are in series, with the upper lake also being the source of the Congo. This example comes from the German Edition, and was engraved by Johann Israel de Bry. For some reason the two large cartouches top right have been left blank; lower right are a key and a dedication to the emperor Prester John. The seas and lakes are filled with galleons and seamonsters. A nice example, with minor restorations along the right margins.

Detailed Condition: