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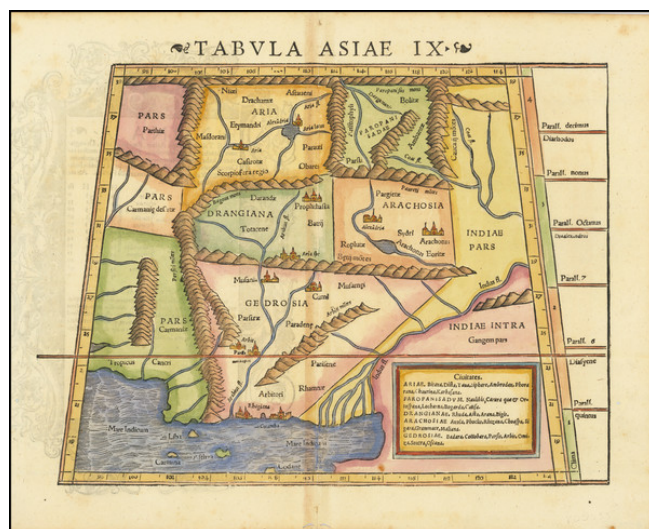
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Tabula Asiae IX [Northern India & Pakistan]

Stock#: 77557
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1542
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: \$ 475.00



Description:

Important early map of part of Northern India, Pakistan and the Indian Ocean, based upon the work of Ptolemy.

The map, published by Sebastian Munster in his *Geographia*, is unchanged from his previous 1540 edition of the text. The map shows the region around Pakistan as it was known to classical Europe, including several major rivers, such as the Indus. To the west of the mouth of the Indus river is Rhagiana, which according to Ptolemy should be closer to the present-day city of Rey, in northern Iran. many mountains ranges are shown, although accurate detail appears to be all but guessed at.

Munster's Geographia

Munster's *Geographia* was a cartographic landmark, including not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the four continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th century.

Munster is generally regarded as one of the most important mapmakers of the 16th Century. Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call for geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than hoped for and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up-to-date, if not necessarily accurate maps, for the issuance of his *Geographia* in



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Minor fold toning.