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Tabula Africae IIII

Stock#: 86837
Map Maker: Gastaldi
Date: 1548
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 7 x 5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Elephants and Anthromorphs

Nice example of Gastaldi's map of the Northern portion of Africa, based on Ptolemy.

Shows all of the Mediterranean, Aethiopia Interior, the Red Sea, Egypt, the source of the Nile, Red Sea, Dead Sea, etc. Cephus, the dog headed man, and an elephant appear on the map.

Giacomo Gastaldi is considered as the foremost Italian cartographer of the 16th century along with Paolo Forlani. From Piedmont, Gastaldi established his reputation in Venice and was cosmographer to the Republic of Venice. Gastaldi enjoyed a productive relationship with Giovanni Ramusio, Secretary of the Venice Senate, who used Gastaldi's maps for his *Navigazioni et Viaggi*. This map is from Gastaldi's edition of Ptolemy, *Ptolemeo. La Geografia...*, begun as early as 1542 and published in Venice in 1548.

Detailed Condition: