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Stock#: 94616
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1540
Place: Basel
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,400.00



Description:

Rare first state of Sebastian Munster's Ptolemaic map of the Indian Ocean and contiguous regions, extending from Southeast Asia to the Ganges River and north to the Himalayas.

The map is based upon the writings of Ptolemy and does not show a passage to the Pacific. 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 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia.

Munster is generally regarded as one of the three most important map makers 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 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 1540.

Detailed Condition: