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(First state!) [Upper Rhine River Valley -- Strasbourg to Basle] Alsatia et Brisgoia II Rheni Et VII Nova Tabula

Stock#: 96983
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1540
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the earliest Modern Maps of the Rhine River Valley

Detailed map of the Rhine River Valley, from Strasbourg and Argentina to Basel and Laufenberg, centered on Brisach and Kappel and showing Colmar.

West is at the top of the map.

The map is quite rare, as it only appeared in the earliest editions of Munster's *Geographia*.

One of the best modern maps of the region to date. The map 1542 edition is unchanged from the 1540 edition. 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 dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century and is generally regarded as one of the 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. A fine dark impression with wide margins.



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