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(First state!) [Rhine River Valley] Tertia Rheni Nova Tabula

Stock#: 96984
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1540
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: \$ 575.00



Description:

One of the Earliest Obtainable Modern Maps of the Rhine Valley

Detailed map of the Rhine River Valley, published by Sebastian Munster in 1540, in the first edition of his monumental *Geographia*.

Oriented with west at the top the extends from Bachrach, Bingen and Siemern in the North to Ofendorf, Strasburg and Argentina in the South. The map is oriented with West at the top. Franckfurt is shown at the right.

One of the best modern maps of the region to date.

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.



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