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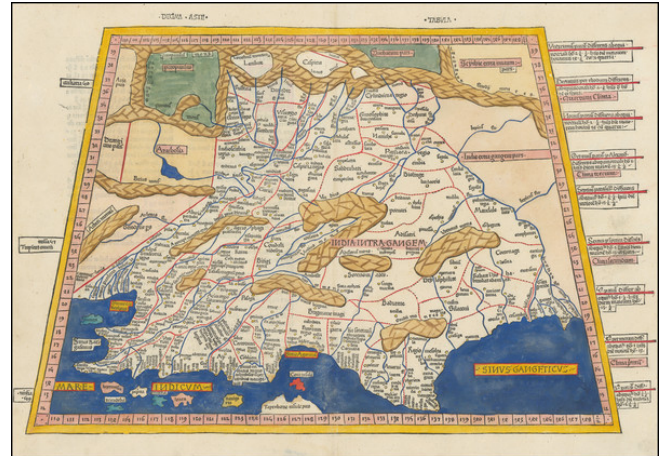
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(India) Decima Asie Tabula [Tenth Map of Asia]

Stock#: 101340
Map Maker: Ptolemy / Reger
Date: 1486
Place: Ulm
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.25 x 14.5 inches including text
Price: \$ 29,500.00



Description:

A Gorgeous Example of One of the Earliest Printed Maps of India - Printed 12 Years before Vasco da Gama reached India by sea.

This impressive woodcut map of India, printed in Ulm, Germany, in 1486, presents a Ptolemaic rendition of Classical India. "India Intra Gangem" is a Latin term that translates to "India within (or between) the Ganges" in English. This toponym historically referred to the regions of the Indian subcontinent that lie to the west of the Ganges River. This is in contrast to "India Extra Gangem" which was used to refer to Southeast Asia in Ptolemaic cartography.

In the west, "indus flu" (i.e., the Indus River) is named and illustrated, and in the east, "ganges flu" (the Ganges River) is named and illustrated. In the south, the northern coast of Sri Lanka ("Taprobane insule pars") can be seen. Above the name "Caspiria regio" in northwest India is a city named "Indara"; this corresponds with "Indabara," from the Prakrit "Indabatta." This is Indraprastha, a city of the Kuru Kingdom, mentioned in the *Mahabharata*. Archeology places it at the location of the Old Fort, in Delhi.

In the north, India is bordered by several named territories, along with a rendition of the Himalayan Mountains (here labeled "Imaus mons").

Arachosia (here rendered as "Aracholia") is a historical region that corresponds to a territory in what is today southern Afghanistan, eastern Iran, and parts of Pakistan. In ancient times, it was known as a crossroads of various cultures and empires due to its strategic location along the trade routes connecting the Middle East, Central Asia, and the Indian subcontinent, including parts of the Silk Road.



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The map also references the Paropamisus mountain range, also known as the Paropamisadae, which was located in the region that is now part of Afghanistan and surrounding areas. In ancient geography, Paropamisus was known for separating various territories and also serving as a strategic location along the Silk Road.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color, retouched and augmented. Woodcut on 15th-century laid paper.