



Munster's map of northern Europe after Ortelius

MUNSTER, Sebastian.

Gemeine Beschreibung Aller Mitnächtigen Lander / alsz Schweden / Gothen / Norwegien / Denmarck / &c.

Basle, Sebastian Petri, 1628, German text edition. Coloured woodcut, image size 320 x 360mm.

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The third block used by Munster for Scandinavia, published in the 'Cosmographia' from 1588. Copied from Ortelius it shows from Britain to the Arctic Circle, with Scandinavia, Iceland, Northern Russia, Greenland and part of North America (called Estotiland). Although the cartography of Scandinavia is an improvement a number of mythical islands appear in the Atlantic, including Brasil (just off the coast of Ireland), Friesland and St Brendain. 'Drogeo' is believed to represent Newfoundland.

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