



An extremely rare map of Greece published by Lafreri

GASTALDI, Giacomo.

[Geographia particolare d'una gran parte dell'Europa... opera nuova di Giacopo di Castaldi Piamontese.]

Rome: Antonio Lafreri, c.1560. Engraving on two sheets conjoined, Total 495 x 540mm.

£6,000

The south-east sheet of Gastaldi's separate-issue map of south-east Europe, showing from Corfu east to Constantinople and south to the northern coasts on Crete. The four sheets were published in pairs, the top half in 1559 and the bottom 1560. The title, as above, and the dedication (to Johann Jakob Fugger (1516-75), of the famous banking family) are on the left sheet of this pair. The signature of the engraver, Fabio Licini (c.1521-65), is on the bottom right of this sheet. Bifolco lists two states of the full map, with only Lafreri's imprint changed in the top section; it is likely this occurred when the bottom section was published.

BIFOLCO: Cartografia e Topografia Italiana del XVI Secolo, Tav 232.

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