



A 19TH CENTURY FACSIMILE OF THE ITALIAN SECTION OF THE PEUTINGER TABLE

£1,650.00

Tabulae Itinerariae Peutingerianae Segementa ab Alpe Maritima usque ad Finem Italiae.

Cartographer Anonymous.

Date 1888

Stock #: 25897

Publication: Germany: Konrad Miller. c.1887.

Chromolithograph. Four sheets conjoined, mounted in backing paper printed with the title, laid on canvas edged with cotton. Total 445 x 2700mm.

Condition: A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A separately-published section of an important facsimile of the only known surviving example of Roman mapmaking, known as the Peutinger Table, a road map of the Roman empire. This part (approximately a quarter of the full map), shows Italy south of the Maritime Alps in an elongated strip, with the Balkan coast above and the the African coast below.

The Peutinger Table (named after Konrad Peutinger, who inherited it in 1580) is believed to have been drawn c.1265 by a monk who was copying mapping dating back to the 5th century AD. Peutinger had the map copied for Abraham Ortelius, who published a six-sheet copy in his Parergon atlas. In 1720 the Table was bought by Prince Eugene of Savoy, who bequeathed it to the Austrian Imperial Library in 1736. It is still kept in the National Library in Vienna but, because of degradation during the ownership of Eugene, it is rarely on show. However in 1872 Konrad Miller, a German professor, was allowed to copy the Table again, and used his studies to recreate the missing left end, which contained the British Isles and Iberia; his completed colour facsimile is the usual source of reference images for the Peutinger Table.