

Rare Books, Manuscripts, Maps & Photographs (589)

19th February 2020, Edinburgh

Viewing Times:

Sun 16th February 12pm - 4pm

Mon 17th February 10am - 5pm

Tues 18th February 10am - 5pm

Morning of the sale from 9am

Lot 36

Estimate: £1800 - £2200 +Fees

Münster, Sebastian *Tavola dell' Isole Nuove, le quali son nominante occidental, & indiane per diversi rispetti*

[Basel, 1558], 37 x 29cm, eighth state with Latin text to reverse, framed and double glazed, a little darkening where centre-fold has been reinforced

Note: Taken from the Italian edition of Münster's *Cosmographia Universalis*, this map (first published in Ptolemy's *Geographia* several years earlier) has the distinction of being the first map to show North and South America as continents, and the first European map to show Japan (labelled Zipangri). The map also features an infamous cartographic error, Verrazzano's Sea: a huge sea separating East and West Canada, reported by the explorer Giovanni de Verrazzano in 1524, from whose description Münster created the map.

