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A RARE COPY OF MUNSTER'S WOODCUT OF SEA MONSTERS

£3,500.00

Les monstres marins, et terrestres, lesquelz on trouve en beaucoup de lieux es partes septentrionales.

Cartographer	BELLEFOREST, François de.
Date	1575
Stock #:	25353
Publication:	Paris: Nicolas Chesneau & Michel Sonnius, 1575. Woodcut. Printed area 275 x 345mm.
Condition:	Some faint spotting, otherwise a very fine example.

DESCRIPTION:

A larger copy of the famous woodblock illustration of the monsters found in the northern seas, with with abundant tusks, horns and twin-spouts. One vignette shows a galleon trying to outrun one monster by throwing their cargo overboard.

From Belleforest's 'La Cosmographie universelle de tout le monde', which was a French translation of Sebastian Münster's 'Cosmography', although taking the maps and prospects from other sources, including Ortelius and Braun & Hogenberg. As there was only one edition, Belleforest's maps are considerably rarer than Münster's.