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## A 16TH CENTURY WOODCUT MAP OF LESBOS

£300.00

[De l'Isle de Metelin, dicte des Anciens Lesbos.]

**Cartographer**

THEVET, André

**Date**

1575

**Stock #:**

21643

**Publication:**

Paris, 1575. Coloured woodcut, printed area

135 x 160mm, set in a page of French text.

**Condition:**

A good example.

## DESCRIPTION:

A map of Lesbos, with a letterpress description, from which the title is taken. There is no lettering on the map: instead the island is villed with illustrations, including , Doric columns and a battle scene of pikemen.

The map was published in the 'Cosmographie Universelle' by André Thevet (1516-90), a Franciscan priest who travelled to the Near East and Brazil. Thevet began writing his cosmography with François de Belleforest but, after a dispute, Belleforest left and published his own version three years before Thevet.