



16th Century Italian map of The British Isles

GASTALDI, Giacomo.  
 Tabula Europæ I.

Venice, G.B. Pedrezano, 1548. 130 x 175mm, with extra plate mark on right.

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Early Ptolemaic map of the British Isles, with Scotland orientated to the East. The borders of the trapezoid contain a serf, deer, a wolf and a lizard. Published in Gastaldi's 'Geografia di Claudio Ptolemeo Alexandrino'. Although there was only one edition, early printings of some maps ( such as this example ) show an extra area of blank printing plate, almost like a handle, which was trimmed off in most examples.

SHIRLEY: British Isles 47, plate 24.

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