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Almost a decade after the death of Sebastian Münster, his publisher and stepson Henri Petri produced a new collection of twenty-four woodcuts. These were intended to accompany his own new four book edition of *Rudimenta cosmographica* by Johann Honter, a Transylvanian theologian who died in 1549. Half of them are small double-page maps but on the reverse of their rectos are twelve new single-page ones of islands, only 76/80 x 121/125 mm. These scarce woodcuts are much more detailed than previous ones, with their titles across the face of the map and heavy wide borders including latitude and longitude:

Hybernica/Irland; Maiorica; Anglia (Great Britain); *Seelandia/Scandia* (the first separate map of Zealand); *Sicilia; Evboea; Cyprus; Iava Maior; Madera; Taprobana* (not Ceylon but Sumatra, which is on the equator); *Cyba; Melita* (Malta).

In 1571 Petri published two folio editions of Strabo, which include seven miniature woodcuts. Six of these are from this same series: *Lesbos; Creta; Cephallenia; Evboea; Cyprus; Rhodus*. *Lesbos* and *Cephallenia* were new ones which had not appeared before.

The seventh, which appeared on page 952, is completely different: a map of Africa with south at the top and measuring just 60 x 50 mm.

Petri later included seven of these miniatures in a pocket edition of Caius J. Solinus' *Polyhistor*: Ireland, Britain, Zealand, Sicily, Euboea, Madeira and Sumatra were used. He also added nine new ones in the same style: *Corsica*; *Sardinia*; *Creta*; *Carpathvs*; *Rhodvs*; *Lemnos/Stalimene*; *Forteventura*; *Thyle* (Iceland); *Orcades insule XXXIII*. A few of them are two or three to a page and folded in. Karpathos, Rhodes and Limnos are side by side on one page and folded in. Madeira and Fuerteventura, also Britain and Ireland, are bound this way too sometimes.

As well as republishing the first and last of these works, Petri's son Sebastian included *Corsica* and *Melita* in late editions of the *Cosmography* of Sebastian Munster (see 1550).

Ioannis Honteri Coronensis, de Cosmographiae rudimentis, ... libri IIII (last part in a composite textbook: editions of Diadochus Proclus and others). Basle, Henri Petri, 1561; Sebastian Petri, 1585.

Strabonis Rerum geographicarum libri septem decim. Basle, Henri Petri, 1571.

Pomponii Melae De orbis situ libri III & C. Julii Solini Polyhistor. Basle, Henri Petri, 1576; Sebastian Petri, 1595.

