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[North Pole] A Globular Draught from the North Pole to the Latitude of 60 degrees.

Stock#: 0005dg
Map Maker: Senex / Halley / Cutler
Date: 1728
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 19.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Navigational Chart For High Latitudes -- Published by Britain's leading scientific figures, including Edmund Halley, John Senex and John Harris.

Fascinating polar projection, published by John Senex, with numerous rhumb lines and four compass roses. The map provides relatively little speculative detail, unlike many other contemporary maps.

Notations give dates of the discovery of a Greenland to the north of Scandinavia. This is actually Svalbard, which was then called Greenland in addition to the larger island to the west. The larger Greenland is attached to what is now Canada here, showing that the far North was still under examination by explorers and geographers.

Notes of exploration are also on continents and the islands. The unusual projection is attributed in the title page of the atlas to Edmund Halley. This is an uncommon and intriguing chart.

Atlas Maritimus et Commercialis



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These charts were included in an important English maritime atlas of the early-eighteenth century, the *Atlas Maritimus et Commercialis*. The atlas included a geography text, sailing directions, and sea charts. It was published by, among others, the Knapton brothers, who were also responsible for some of the bestselling voyage accounts of the early- to mid-eighteenth century, including those of William Dampier.

The atlas was published specifically to rival the *English Pilot*, a five-volume work that was published first by John Seller, and then by his son, Jeremiah, and his partner, Charles Price, and then by Mount & Page. To differentiate it from the competition, the *Atlas* was published in one volume. It also featured the western and southern coasts of the Americas, which were not included in the *Pilot*.

Much of the text of the work is attributed to Daniel Defoe who, in addition to writing *Robinson Crusoe*, was also an eager advocate of colonial expansion and overseas trade. The atlas is usually attributed to John Senex, John Harris, and Henry Wilson. Nathaniel Cutler is thought to have contributed to the charts and to have written the sailing directions, which Edmund Halley supposedly edited. Edmund Halley is also mentioned on the title page as approving the projection, which most likely refers to a globular projection developed by Senex, Harris, and Wilson.

In 2015, a complete example of the atlas sold for £27,500 at Christie's in London. While the collaboration was impressive, the atlas never achieved the same commercial success. As such, the charts are quite scarce on the market.

Detailed Condition: