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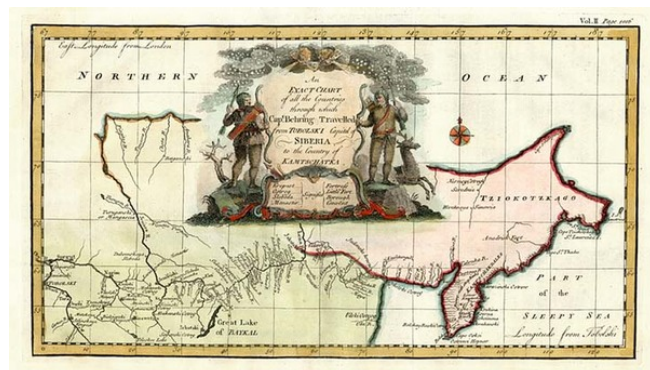
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An Exact Chart of all the Countries through which Capt. Behring Travelled from Tobolski, Capital of Siberia to the Country of Kamschatka

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Map Maker: Bowen
Date: 1744
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The earliest English language map to show Vitus Behring's Route. After retiring from a tour as Captain in the Czar's Navy, Behring, a Dane, settled in Vyborg with his Finnish wife Anna in 1724. In 1725, Peter the Great invited him to lead the so-called Great Northern Expedition with Spangberg and Tchirikov. The expedition proceeded by land across Siberia for 3 years, carrying with it the materials necessary to construct a vessel. Upon arriving in Kamchatka in April 1728, a vessel was constructed over 3 months. In his first attempt, Behring passed St. Lawrence Island and concluded that America & Asia were separated by a Strait. An attempt to reach the American Coast in 1729 fell short and he returned to St. Petersburg in 1730. A fine wide margin example in attractive wash colors.

Detailed Condition: