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Tabula Geographica Hemisphaerii Borealis ad emenatiora quae adhuc prodierunt exempla jusque Acad. Reg. Scient. et Eleg. Litt. Boruss. descripta [with:] Tabula Geographica Hemisphaerii Australis...

Stock#: 102686
Map Maker: Rhode / Euler
Date: 1753
Place: Berlin
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 12 x 12 inches Each
Price: \$ 475.00



Description:

This scarce map of the Southern Hemisphere, published circa 1753 by Leonhard von Euler, a renowned mathematician based in Berlin, offers intricate depictions of the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. Compiled by Johann Christoph Rhode, these maps are notable for their speculative geographic features, such as the sizable Sea of the West, along with the hypothesis of the existence of a large, hitherto unknown continent to the east of Australia.

In the mid-18th century, the European Enlightenment, with its emphasis on empirical observation and intellectual rigor, paved the way for significant advancements in cartography. Leonhard von Euler, a prominent figure in this movement, applied his mathematical expertise to the field, resulting in these maps. He included unverified geographic details, like the supposed discovery of the Straits of Juan de Fuca in 1592 and the claimed discoveries of Martin D'Augilar in 1603, reflecting the ongoing quest for exploration and discovery during the era.

The "Tabula Geographica Hemisphaerii Australis," depicting the Southern Hemisphere, presents an intriguingly speculative continent east of Australia. This hypothetical landmass combines elements of known New Zealand with conjectured coastlines farther east and north, along with initial inklings of what would later be recognized as Antarctica. The presence of this speculative continent represents the synthesis of observable data with scientific conjecture, marking an era of exploration and curiosity about



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