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### The Coast of Newfoundland From Placencia to Cape Bonavista (with insets of Havana Harbor, The Mouth of the Rio De La Plata and Honda Bay)

**Stock#:** 42553  
**Map Maker:** Senex / Halley / Cutler  
**Date:** 1728  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 23 x 18 inches  
**Price:** \$ 495.00



#### Description:

#### *Rare Sea Charts of North and South American Ports from an Influential Atlas*

This composite sea chart shows Newfoundland, Havana Harbor and the Bay of Honda, both in Cuba, and the River Plata in South America.

The chart shows the coastlines and approaches of several important parts of America. The chart at the left depicts the British settlements on the east coast of the Avalon Peninsula with good coastal detail. The other major chart shows the entrance to the La Plata River in South America, with Buenos Aires and other towns on the banks. Two small charts provide detailed plans of Havana Harbor (Cuba) and the Bay of Honda (Cuba).

#### *Atlas Maritimus et Commercialis*

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.



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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:**