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[Allegorical Broadside] Alter Erit Nunc Tiphys

Stock#: 68839
Map Maker: De Hooghe / Visscher II
Date: 1704
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare allegorical etching depicting Archduke Charles of Austria as Charles III of Spain, Holy Roman Emperor, engraved by Romeyn de Hooghe.

The image shows the Archduke Charles arming himself with the sword and shield of Minerva and presented as the heir to the Spanish monarchy. The ruler is surrounded by allegorical gods and figures of Asia, Africa and America bestowing their domestic riches upon him.

To the right of the Archduke is a globe positioned to display the Americas, on which a banner is draped reading "Alter Erit Nunc Tiphys" (One Will Now Arise). Each figure is numbered to correspond with a separately printed letterpress table (not present here, but seen complete in an example at the Rijksmuseum).

The words are part of hexameters 34-36 of Virgilian chant and are used now to predict the new company that will once again gather the heroic Argonauts in a second Argo ship, piloted by this new helmsman Tifis (Archduke Charles).



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