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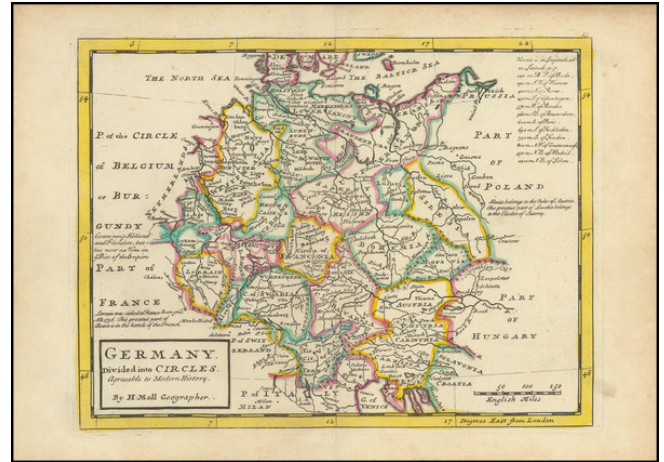
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### Germany Divided into Circles . . .

**Stock#:** 96363  
**Map Maker:** Moll  
**Date:** 1729  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 10.5 x 8 inches  
**Price:** \$ 125.00



#### Description:

Interesting early 18th Century map of Germany.

Herman Moll's 1729 map, "Germany Divided into Circles," is a modest, clear representation of Germany's geopolitical divisions in the 18th century. The map features an uncomplicated design. Each 'circle,' which is a term for a region or district, is distinctly outlined and labeled in a straightforward script.

The term 'circle' derives from Imperial Circles, a form of administrative division within the Holy Roman Empire. Established by the Imperial Reform of 1500, these circles aimed to stabilize internal relations within the Empire and offer some form of collective security against external threats. The Empire was divided into ten circles, which included various territories, principalities, and free cities.

#### Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color.