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A Chart of the Coast of Scotland with all it's Islands. Drawn in according to the Globular Projection

Stock#: 102919
Map Maker: Senex / Halley / Cutler
Date: 1728
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.75 x 22.25 inches
Price: \$ 375.00



Description:

Early English Sea Chart of Scotland

Scarce chart showing Scotland on a 'globular projection' (i.e. on the same projection as a double-hemisphere map), which appeared in the rare *Atlas Maritimus et Commercialis*, published in London in 1728.

The chart was created by a brain trust made up of Harry Wilson, John Harris, and the renowned mapmaker and Fellow of the Royal Society John Senex. All three were mapmakers and map sellers. It purports to correct the errors of the Mercator chart, which was commonly thought as the best projection for navigation.

Atlas Maritimus et Commercialis

This chart was included in an important English maritime atlas of the early-eighteenth century, the *Atlas*



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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 best selling 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. To differentiate it from the competition, the *Atlas Maritimus* . . . was published in one volume. It also featured the western and southern coasts of the Americas, which were not included in the *English 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: