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## Norie's Set of Celestial Maps, For Finding Stars In The Heavens; Adapted For The Use of Nautical Men, Astronomers, and Others. . . . 1841

Stock#: 103224 Map Maker: Norie

Date: 1841
Place: London
Color: Uncolored

**Condition:** VG

**Size:** 9.75 x 12.5 inches

**Price:** \$ 1,200.00



## **Description:**

This 1841 edition of *Norie's Set of Celestial Maps* is a practical guide for celestial navigation, comprising six numbered charts intended for use by nautical professionals and amateur astronomers. The charts are specifically designed to assist users in identifying principal stars for the purpose of celestial navigation. Its aim is to facilitate the finding of stars crucial for determining latitude and time at sea, particularly for longitudinal calculations through lunar observations.

Authored by John William Norie, a respected mathematician and hydrographer, the work perpetuates his significant contributions to nautical science and education. Norie's seminal publication, *An Epitome of Practical Navigation*, first appeared in 1805 and became an authoritative reference in navigational instruction.

The charts were published by Charles Wilson, the proprietor of the business following Norie's tenure, which was initially established by William Heather. The business, located at the Naval Academy and Naval Warehouse on Leadenhall Street, specialized in selling nautical charts and navigational instruments.

This publication is of historical interest due to its association with distinguished figures in the field of scientific instrumentation and astronomical study, as well as for its representation of celestial navigation practices of the early 19th century.

## **Detailed Condition:**

6 numbered celestial charts, including two folding, slight offsetting and spotting, original boards with publisher's label.