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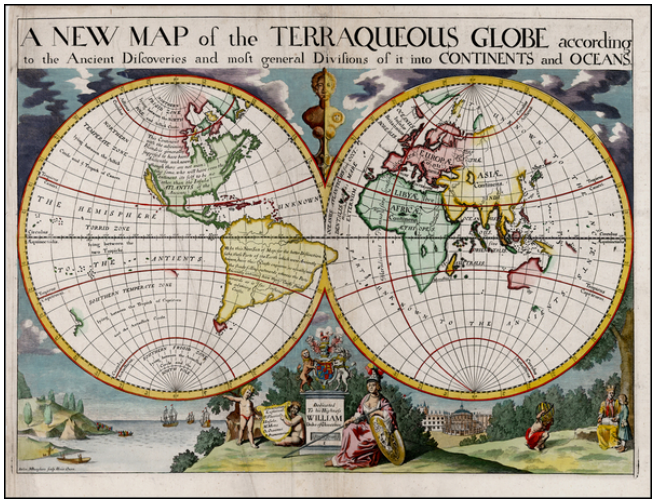
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A New Map of the Terraqueous Globe according to the Ancient Discoveries and most general Divisions of it into Contienents and Oceans.

Stock#: 22307
Map Maker: Wells

Date: 1700
Place: Oxford
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 14.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative double hemisphere map of the World, decicated to Wiliam, Duke of Glouchester.

This map shows California as an Island, an incomplete New Holland attached to N. Guinea, partial New Zealand Coast line and no Southern Continent. Extensive annotations in North and South America, including a suggestion that the Americas might have been the lost continent of Atlantis, stating: " *This Continent with the adjoining islands is generally supposed to have been Anciently unknown though there are not wanting some, who will have even the Continent itself to be no other than the Insula Atlantis of the Ancients*."

Wells map of the world is 1 of a set of 22 maps dedicated to William, Duke of Glouchester, who at the time of publication of the maps was studying at Oxford. Edward Wells, teacher of mathematics and geography at Christchurch College of Oxford University. Below the hemispheres is a dedicatin vignette, with William shown with his tutor under the tree on the right. The 13-year-old William, heir to the throne, began studies at Christchurch in 1700 at the age of 11, and died a few months after the map was issued. On either side of this are small landscapes, one of ships arriving in the New World and one of the Radcliffe Camera in Oxford.

The engraver of the map, Michael Burghers, was an engraver and draftsman from Holland, who came to England and settled in Oxford in 1673. There he worked under David Loggan and succeeded him as Engraver to the University. Burghers engraved the first *Oxford Almanack* in 1676, and continued to engrave most of them for the next 43 years. He also illustrated books and produced architectural,

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Detailed Condition: