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To Her most Sacred Majesty Ann Queen of Great Britain, France & Ireland. This Map of Europe Europe According to the Most Exact Observations is Humbly Dedicated . . . 1708

Stock#: 25490
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1708 (1720 ca)
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 38 x 22.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking large format map of Europe, published by Herman Moll in his *New and Compleat Atlas*, first published in 1708.

The map includes a decorative cartouche, with a portrait of Queen Ann and Coat of Arms and 4 ornate figures, including two American Indians, an European carrying a flag and a fourth figure in turban and robe.

The map includes an inset showing the canal which Peter the Great had dug that connected the Volga and the Don, thus connecting the Caspian and Black Seas. A dotted line illustrates the route from the place where the Don and Volga meet, through the Black Sea, through the Bosphorus, the Aegean and Mediterranean to the Atlantic.

Herman Moll was one of the most important London map makers in the first half of the 18th Century. Moll was probably born in Bremen, Germany, but moved to London to escape the Scanian Wars. His earliest work was as an engraver for Moses Pitt on the production of the *English Atlas*, a failed work which landed Pitt in Debtor's Prison.

Moll's work quickly helped him become a member of a group which congregated at Jonathan's Coffee House at Number 20 Exchange Alley, Cornhill, where speculators met to trade stock. Moll's circle included the scientist Robert Hooke, the archaeologist William Stuckley, the authors Jonathan Swift and Daniel Defoe, and the intellectually-gifted pirates William Dampier, Woodes Rogers and William Hacke. From these contacts, Moll gained a great deal of privileged information that was included in his maps.



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Detailed Condition: