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A New and Correct Map of the World Laid Down According to the Newest Discoveries, and from the Most Exact Observations ...

Stock#: 29418
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1730 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 38.5 x 22 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative 2 sheet double hemisphere map of the World, published by Herman Moll in London.

Moll's map is one of the first to record prevailing wind directions based on scientific observation. It was designed for a British public interested in maritime exploration and commerce and thus to encourage subscriptions for Moll's *New and Complete Atlas*.

California is shown as an island, a prominent River of the West is "laid down according to the Baron Lahontan's discoveries," and most of the Arctic is labeled "Parts Unknown." In northeastern Asia, Iesso (Hokkaido) is shown to be part of Siberia with Companys Land lying just offshore. Only the western and northern coasts, and a bit of Diemens Land, are shown in Australia.

Surrounding the hemispheres are a variety of astronomical diagrams, including representations of the planets, the moon, a north polar projection, and the solar systems theories of Ptolemy and Copernicus. The title is enclosed in a banner-style cartouche at top.

This is the second state with a large dedication cartouche to George II. Of particular interest is the vitriolic attack on Moll's competitors, particularly French cartographer Nicolas Sanson (whose maps have been condemned and found to be notoriously false). Moll goes on to claim the Dutch maps are inaccurate and often illegal piracies.

Detailed Condition:

Two sheet map, joined, as issued. Minor discoloration and restoration along right fold, with a bit of paper loss restored in facsimile.