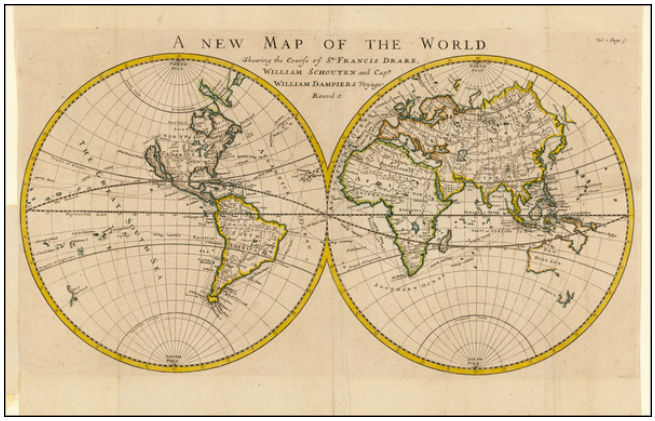
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A New Map Of The World Shewing the Course of Sr. Francis Drake, Whilliam Schouten and Capt. William Dampiers Voyages Round it.



Stock#: 36502gm
Map Maker: Moll

Date: 1700
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 11.5 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

A interesting and detailed map of the world, showing California as an Island, including the routes of Circumnavigating explorers.

This engaging map was printed by Herman Moll (1754-1732), one of England's most commerically savvy mapmakers, in an effort to capitalize on the public's contemporary fascination with global exploration. The map embraces the entire world, as it was then known, and inlcudes the sailing routes of three of the most famous Circumnavigators, namely, Sir Francis Drake, Willem Schouten and William Dampier. Cartographically, California is shown as an island, America's Pacific Northwest is an enigma and the mapping of Australia is shown to be still largely incomplete.

Sir Francis Drake (1540-96) was most famous one of the 'Saviours of England', for defeating the Spanish Armada in 1588. However, in Latin America he was still, over a century later, referred to as 'El Dragón', ('The Dragon') due to the his piratical missions against Spanish towns and shipping. In 1577-8, Drake became the first Englishman to circumnavigate the World, as shown on the present map, sailing across the Atlantic, and up the Pacific coast of South America, all the while raiding Spanish targets. He was allegedly the first explorer to reach Northern California, supposedly landing near Point Reyes, north of San Francisco. Drake returned to England via the East Inides and the Cape of Good Hope.

Williem Schouten (c. 1567-1625) was a Dutch explorer, who along with Jacob Le Maire (who died part way through the voyage) sailed around the world in 1615-7. Notably, Schouten and Le Maire rounded Cape Horn, naming the Le Maire Strait, and definitively proving that Tierra del Fuego was an island and not part of an apocryphal southern continent.

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William Dampier (1651-1715) has been called by biographers a "Pirate of Exquisite Mind". Dampier started out in 1679 as a corsair on the crew of the famed pirate Bartholemew Sharp. From 1686-91, he circumnavigated the World, making important discoveries in the East Indies and Australia. His book, *A New Voyage around the World* (1697) was a bestseller and revealed Dampier to be a highly insightful observer of natural history, geography and anthropology. Popular fascination with Dampier's exploits was largely responsible for Moll's desicion to publish the present map.

Detailed Condition:
Archivally mounted to mat board.