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A General Chart of the World on Mercator's Projection, exhibiting all the New Discoveries and the Tracks of the different Circum-Navigators.

Stock#: 36509
Map Maker: Norman
Date: 1797
Place: Boston
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of John Norman's map of the World on Mercator's Projection, which appeared in the rare Boston edition of Malham's *Naval Gazetteer*.

The present map is one of the few maps of the World published in America prior to 1800.

John Norman (1748-1817) was an engraver and publisher in Boston, Massachusetts. Norman moved from London to Philadelphia in 1774, at which time he advertised his services as an architect and landscape engraver. He went to Boston about 1780. His separately issued sea charts are considered among the most important cartographic works published in America in the 18th Century.

This chart of the world outlines the tracks of Captain Cook on his three major voyages of exploration. A key at bottom identifies the tracks of the Endeavour from 1768-71, the Resolution and Adventure from 1772-75, and the Resolution and Discovery from 1776-80. The voyage of the HMS Racehorse and HMS Carcass, commanded by Constantine John Phipps in 1773, is also shown, depicting his attempt at finding a northwest passage from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. In North America, the northwest coast is not yet fully delineated, and a River of the West is shown extending from Nootka Sound. California is labeled New Albion. Australia is named New Holland with numerous new discoveries by Cook. Diemens Land is still connected to the mainland, as this chart was published just a few years prior to the discovery of Bass Strait by George Bass and Matthew Flinders. There is no sign of Antarctica, except for Sandwich Land at the 60th Parallel.



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