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A New Map of the World Drawn from the latest and best Authorities, By Thos. Kitchin, 1771.

Stock#: 39206 **Map Maker:** Kitchin

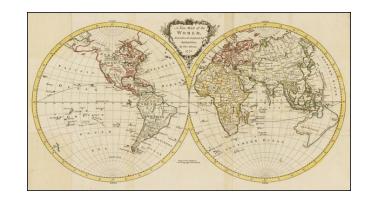
Date: 1771 Place: London

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Description:

Finely executed double hemisphere map of the World, published by Thomas Kitchin in London.

The map shows a fascinating configuration of Australia, which specifically refers to the curious Eastern Coastline as "Conjectural Coasts."

Several early hints at the Antarctic Coastline are shown, although both apocryphal. New Zealand is highly incomplete, shown in its pre-Cook single coastline configuration.

Easter Island is Davis's Land. First discovered by Jacob Roggeveen in 1722, he was actually searching for "Davis Land." An English buccaneer named John Davis had reported sighting this island in 1687 in latitude 27°20'S. Davis reported that the island was 500 miles west of the coast of Chile, low, flat and sandy, but with 'a long tract of pretty high land' to the northwest. This description in no way applies to Easter Island and is now believed to have been Mangareva Island, further west.

The lands seen by Quiros in 1606 are also located, although Hawaii has not yet been discovered by Captain James Cook. The Northwest Coast of America reflects the Russian discoveries under the command of Captain Vitus Behring in 1741, although the region further east is labeled "Parts Unknown." Carver's River of the West is shown, as is Quivira and New Albion, both late appearances for these place names.

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