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(Southern Sky) Zuidlyk Halvront

Stock#: 48922
Map Maker: Van Keulen / Nieuwland
Date: 1798
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 26 x 30 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare separately issued map of the Southern Sky, published by Gerard Van Keulen in Amsterdam.

The map illustrates the modern constellations of the Southern Hemisphere

This map of the southern sky (and Van Keulen's corresponding map of the northern sky) were originally designed by Pieter Nieuwland (1764-1794), professor of astronomy at Leiden, but were ultimately completed after Nieuwland's death by Van Beeck Calkoen.

Pieter Nieuwland was a Dutch nautical scientist, chemist, mathematician, and poet. During his life he was known as a child prodigy and has been called the Dutch Isaac Newton. The observations utilized for this map were compiled at the newly completed Felix Meritis Observatory in Amsterdam, as well as at the Leiden Observatory and Count Franz Xavier von Zach's Observatory in Gotha, where Nieuwland traveled in the summer of 1792.

Detailed Condition: