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**A New Map of the Southern Parts of America taken from Manuscript Maps made in the
Country and a Survey of the Eastern Coast made by Order of the King of Spain.**

Stock#: 64741
Map Maker: Kitchin
Date: 1772
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 28 x 39 inches (if joined)
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Rare Separately Published Example From A Storied English Country Mansion.

Striking two-sheet, engraved map of South America below the Rio de La Plata, produced by Thomas Kitchin in London in 1772.

Attractively-engraved by Kitchin, the map features an elaborate cartouche with two Patagonian natives, armadillos and anteaters, and local dwellings all depicted. The map pays particular attention to issues of relevance to native Patagonians, including where tribes bury their dead, gather salt, etc. It also elaborates divisions of the Aónikenk people, here called the Tehuelche.

The map also illustrates the "Indian Boundary agreed upon in the Year 1740".



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Most copies of the map are found bound into Thomas Falkner's *A description of Patagonia, and the adjoining parts of South America...* (1774). Falkner trained as a doctor before converting to Catholicism, becoming a Jesuit missionary, and moving to South America. Remained there for 38 years, until the expulsion of the Jesuits from South America in 1768. Upon his return to England, Falkner's account of South America was published and became an indispensable work on the continent. Charles Darwin consulted while on the *Beagle*.

The map imprint line reads: *Publish'd as the Act directs, Decr. 10. 1772. and sold by Thos. Lewis, Bookseller, in Russell Street, Covent Garden.*

Rarity

While Falkner's book appears occasionally on the market, this is the first time we have ever seen a separately published example of the map on thick paper with wide margins. The map was almost certainly acquired by a member of the Berkeley Family in 1772 and remained at Spetchley House until it was sold by Sothebys in December 2019.

Provenance: Sothebys December 2019: Treasures from the Berkeley Family / Spetchley House, in Worcestershire, UK. Spetchley House and Spetchley Park Gardens, now a public museum was home to the Berkeley Family for more than 400 years. It has played a significant role in British history, including being the planned location during WWII of Winston Churchill and his Cabinet in the event London had been lost.

Detailed Condition:

Two sheets, unjoined. The sheets were not folded for insertion into a smaller book, but rather were either part of a large composite atlas or were stored separately for their life.