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The South West Part of Germany. Containing ye Dominions of the Archbishops and Electors of Mentz Y Treves, and of ye Elec. Palatine of ye Rhine; with Franconia, Swabia, Alsace and ye Dutchy of Lorrain &c.

Stock#: 73968
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1729
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10 x 8 inches
Price: \$ 125.00



Description:

Interesting early 18th-century map of southwestern Germany, published by one of London's leading mapmakers, Herman Moll.

The map captures the intricate geographical and political landscape of southwest Germany and adjacent regions during the early 18th century. The geographical spectrum of the map spans from Franconia in the north, Swabia and Alsace to the south, extending westward into the Duchy of Lorraine. The map also includes the major roads in the region.

Starting with Franconia, this region holds an array of smaller towns and cities, each with their unique culture and history. It's delineated by the Main River flowing in a meandering path, the banks of which were home to a thriving agricultural community during this era.

Southwards, the terrain changes as you enter the highlands and wooded valleys of Swabia. The region, known for its distinct dialect and cultural identity, is presented with a number of settlements dotting the map, signifying the life and activity of the period.

The Rhine River, one of the key features of the map, offers an east-west divide. It serves as the main artery for commerce and transportation. Its course is marked by several significant cities, each with its own political and economic importance. One such city is the Electorate of the Palatinate, a historically significant region known for its rich political history.



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The political influence of the church during this era cannot be overstated. The presence of the Archbishops and Electors of Mentz and Treves is clearly marked. They held significant influence not just within the church hierarchy but also within the Holy Roman Empire's political structure.

Further west, the map shows Alsace, a cultural melting pot that has historically been a point of contention between French and German influences. Its chief city, Strasbourg, was a hub for commerce and culture during this time.

Finally, the Duchy of Lorraine in the west is highlighted, another significant region during this era, which often found itself at the intersection of French and German political maneuvering.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline.