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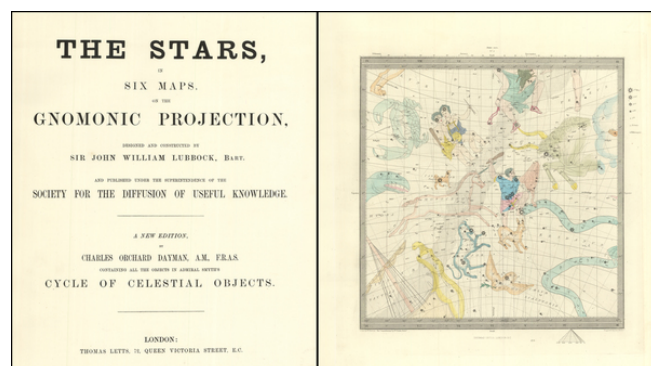
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[Six Star Charts] The Stars, in Six Maps, on the Gnomonic Projection, revised by the Rev. W.R. Dawes. . .

Stock#: 78480
Map Maker: Letts & Son
Date: 1870
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14.5 x 17 inches Booklet
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Fine set of six star charts, drawn under the supervision of Astronomer William Rutter Dawes and designed and constructed by Sir John William Lubbock.

William Rutter Dawes (1799-1868) Dawes was the son of William Dawes, also an astronomer. Dawes was a clergyman who made extensive measurements of double stars as well as observations of planets. He was a friend of William Lassell. He was nicknamed "eagle eye". He set up his private observatory at his home in Haddenham, Buckinghamshire. One of his telescopes, an eight-inch aperture refractor by Cooke, survives at the Cambridge Observatory where it is known as the Thorrowgood Telescope.

He made extensive drawings of Mars during its 1864 opposition. In 1867, Richard Anthony Proctor made a map of Mars based on these drawings. He won the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1855. Dawes craters on the Moon and Dawes crater on Mars are named after him, as is a gap within Saturn's C Ring.

An optical phenomenon, the Dawes limit, is named after him.

Detailed Condition: