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**Charte zu der dreyjaehrigen Reise der Flotte Salomons vom Flantischen Meerbusen bis
Ophir und Tashish um die Nothwendigkeit dieses Zeitrums zu bweisen**

Stock#: 88558
Map Maker: Frentzel
Date: 1791 circa
Place: Leipzig
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.5 x 26 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Confirming the Source of the Blue Nile

Detailed map of the Course of the Nile River, Eastern part of Africa, the Red Sea and contiguous parts of the Arabian Peninsula, which accompanied the German edition of James Bruce's account of his travels.



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The map extends from South Africa and Madagascar to the Mediterranean, with a number of interior travel routes illustrated.

The map appeared in the Leipzig published edition of James Bruce's account of his travels. James Bruce set out in 1768 to establish the position of the source of the Nile. He reached the source of the Blue Nile and provided a wealth of other geographical, botanical and archeaeological information on Ethiopia and the Nile Valley as well as gaining a unique knowledge of the Ethiopians as a result of his close involvement with them for two years. Bruce spent more than a decade in North Africa and Ethiopia. In 1770, Bruce became the first European to trace the origins of the Blue Nile from Egypt and Sudan, after Pedro Paez and Jeronimo Lobo.

Bruce's 5 volume *Travels to Discover the Source of the Nile, In the Years 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772 and 1773*, was a commercial success, selling very well and being favorably reviewed in the monthly journals, but was assailed by other travellers as being unworthy of credence by his contemporaries, but the accuracy of his Ethiopian travels has since been demonstrated, and it is considered that he made an invaluable contribution to the geographical knowledge of his day.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing and toning.