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### Schauplatz der Fünf Theile der Welt... Erster Theil... [Theater of the Five Parts of the World... First Part...]

**Stock#:** 90374  
**Map Maker:** von Reilly  
**Date:** 1791  
**Place:** Vienna  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 16 x 11 inches  
**Price:** \$ 3,500.00



#### Description:

A fascinating and rare 18th-century atlas published in Vienna by Von Reilly, this volume represents the first part of planned but never completed multi-volume atlas of the world. This volume covers Eastern Europe, Scandinavia, and the British Isles in 91 maps.

The work was originally conceived as an accompanying atlas to A.F. Büsching's *Großer Erdbeschreibung*. Appreciated because of the numerous detailed maps of even the smallest dominions. The originally planned third part of the atlas, which was supposed to cover non-European countries, has not been published.

The atlas is rarely encountered in a complete run of maps; we have only ever seen fragments, as in Phillips Atlases 2845, lacking volumes 2 and 3. Phillips cites Woltersdorf's "Repertorium" for a collation of maps, which lists maps 1-91 in volume one. That collation is broadly correct, though, as in this case, it is likely that other plates are often included. Here there are three heraldic plates, a world map, and a general map of Europe following the engraved title and letterpress explanatory text at the beginning of the volume.

The volume includes maps of Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Greece, Scandinavia including Iceland, and the British Isles.

#### Detailed Condition:

Oblong folio. Contemporary ½ calf over marbled paper boards (recased, boards in digital facsimile, head and foot of spine with expert restoration, endpapers renewed.) Engraved title, letterpress explanatory leaf, three leaves of heraldic engravings, 91 engraved maps in original hand-color, (the first two, of the World and European unnumbered, the latter group numbered 1-28, 30-46, and 48-91, therefore wanting maps 29



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