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**[Sea Chart of Europe] To the Rt. Honourable Edw, Earl of Orford One of His Ma.ties
most Hono.ble Privy Coucil Admiral of HIs Ma.ties Fleet & Treasurer of His Ma.ties
Navy &c. This Mapp of the Sea Coast of Europe and ye Straits is Most Humbly
Dedicated by Philip Lea**

Stock#: 94335
Map Maker: Lea

Date: 1697 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.2 x 24 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare English Sea Chart of Europe -- Second Printed English Sea Chart of Europe

Rare separately published Sea Chart of Europe, first published by Morden & Lea in about 1690, one of the earliest general sea charts of Europe published in England.

The map shows the sea coasts of Europe in Portloan style, with a large inset map of the easternmost part of the Mediterranean Sea. The map extends northwest to show a part of Iceland (spelled Iseland), northeast to Nova Zemla and south tot the coast of Africa.

The map is dedicated to Edward Orford, First Earl of Orford. Russell became First Lord of the Admiralty and Senior Naval Lord in the First Whig Junto in May 1694 and took a fleet out into the Mediterranean in



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June 1694, becoming the first English naval commander to spend the Winter at Cádiz (rather than sailing his squadron home in the autumn). He was elected Member of Parliament for Cambridgeshire in 1695 and was created Baron Shingay, Viscount Barfleur and Earl of Orford on 7 May 1697.

Lea's map is the second English language sea chart of the whole of Europe printed in England, preceded only by the very rare [Ashley Chart](#).

States of the Map

There are two states of the map:

- State 1: Imprint of Morden & Lea. Edward Russell is not yet called Earl of Orford.
- State 2: Morden's imprint has been erased, and Edward Russell's title is now Earl of Orford, a title granted in April 1697 (Post Man, issue 311, 24th-27th April).
- State 3: Carington Bowles imprint, title and dedication re-engraved, new country names added to the continent.

Rarity

The map is exceedingly rare. We note a single copy of state 2 offered a Jonathan Potter catalog in 1985 and an example of state 2 offered for Sale by Sothebys at Auction in 1974.

OCLC locates 1 example of State 1 (University of Melbourne), 1 example of State 2 (British Library) and 1 example of state 3 (Spanish National Library).

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor toning, a bit lighter at the centerfold. Minor chipping in the margins, especially at left side.