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A New and Correct Map of the World Laid Down According to the Newest Discoveries, and from the Most Exact Observations . . .

Stock#: 94681
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1715 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 38 x 22 inches
Price: \$ 5,400.00



Description:

English Wall Map of the World (Showing Sea of Korea and California as an Island)

Decorative example of this large and decorative double hemisphere map of the World, published by Herman Moll in London.

Moll's map is one of the first to record prevailing wind directions based on scientific observation. It was designed for a British public interested in maritime exploration and commerce and thus to encourage subscriptions for Moll's *New and Complete Atlas*.

California is shown as an island, a prominent River of the West is "laid down according to the Baron Lahontan's discoveries," and most of the Arctic is labeled "Parts Unknown." In northeastern Asia, Iesso (Hokkaido) is shown to be part of Siberia with Companys Land lying just offshore. Only the western and northern coasts and a bit of Diemen's Land are shown in Australia.

To the north of Japan, the Sea of Corea is named.

Surrounding the hemispheres are a variety of astronomical diagrams, including representations of the planets, the moon, a north polar projection, and the solar systems theories of Ptolemy and Copernicus. The title is enclosed in a banner-style cartouche at the top.

Of particular interest is the vitriolic attack on Moll's competitors, particularly French cartographer Nicolas Sanson (whose maps have been condemned and found to be notoriously false). Moll goes on to claim the Dutch maps are inaccurate and often illegal piracies.



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This later state of the map is updated following the Coronation of King George I and includes a dedication "To His most Sacred Majesty, George the First, By the Grace of God King of Great Britain, France & Ireland Defender of the Faith &c." The first two states of the map have a dedication cartouche "To His Royal Highness George, Prince of Denmark, Lord High Admiral Great Britain & Ireland, &c."

Detailed Condition:

Minor toning and discoloration at folds.