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A New Map of Denmark and Sweden. According to ye Newest & most Exact Observations...To His Excellency Lord Bishop of Bristol Ld. Privy Seal & Her Majestys Plenipotentiary...

Stock#: 94990
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1712 (circa 1726)
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 40 x 23.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

A New Map of Denmark and Sweden is an exquisite work by renowned British cartographer Herman Moll, produced in London about 1726. The map portrays a highly detailed representation of Scandinavia, focusing predominantly on Denmark and Sweden, with an extensive inset map that covers the North part of Norway, Lapland, and Greenland.

One of the standout features of the map is its series of five engraved vignette scenes along the right edge. These provide a rich, detailed sketch of the lives of the Laplanders, the indigenous Sami people of the Lapland region, with notes explaining each scene. The scenes cover a variety of cultural aspects, from their religious practices and wedding customs, to their burial rites and methods of child rearing. Even their housing structures, both for human residents and for food storage, are depicted.

A unique feature of the map is a scene depicting the indigenous practice of 'praying to Death,' which is the local custom of asking for a longer life. Another scene shows how young children are raised and how they are taught to suckle reindeer. The vignettes provide a vivid depiction of the unique ways in which the Laplanders adapted to their harsh environment, from their ingenious house constructions to protect against wild beasts to the adornment of their clothing.

In the upper-left corner, there's an inset detailing the northern parts of Norway, Lapland, and Greenland (i.e., Spitsbergen). It provides navigation information, including an advisory note on the varying degrees of accuracy in the Longitudes of the North Cape and Archangel due to the lack of celestial observations.

The map is dedicated to the Lord Bishop of Bristol, Lord Privy Seal, and Her Majesty's First Plenipotentiary at the Treaty of Utrecht, reflecting the influence and reach of the British Empire during



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Moll's time.

State

State 4 (of 6) with John Bowles' imprint substituted for that of Daniel Midwinter Jr.

Detailed Condition:

Original outline hand-color. Restoration around the vertical folds at left and right, particularly in the title cartouche in the bottom-left.