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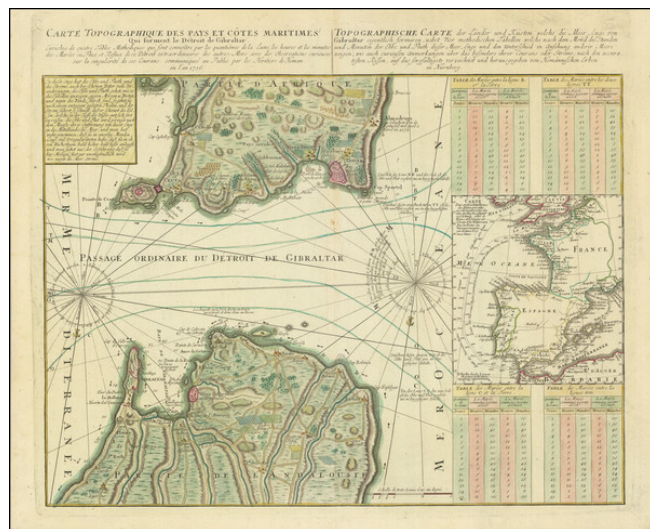
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Stock#: 97137
Map Maker: Homann Heirs
Date: 1756
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

Observing The Currents of the Straits of Gibraltar

Rare scientific sea chart, oriented with south at the top, showing the entrance to the Mediterranean through the Straits of Gibraltar, with a meticulous analysis of the currents.

The chart illustrates in great detail the fortifications on both the Iberian and African coastlines, as well as the prevailing currents,

Four tidal tables compare tide levels and times with notes on the currents, best channels for navigation, anchorages, soundings and other important navigational details. A large inset map illustrates the major shipping routes between the British Isles and Marseilles, France.

The note at the top left translates as follows:

"In this strait, the ebb and flow and the currents, even in fine weather, have many changes. The ebb and flow goes east and west, as the tables show, and when the winds are strong, they move against their opposite parts. The current flows so quickly that it seems to carry away the



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rocks, which are in the depth of the waters. The ebb and flow diminish in proportion to their distance from this strait into the Mediterranean Sea, and it has been observed that during a single lunar cycle, they show many irregularities, rising higher or lower at times. Experience has shown that near Malaga they become almost imperceptible. [This] indicates the ocean currents."

The map would was originally published by Beaurain, with a German copy by the Homan Heirs in about 1756.

Detailed Condition: