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The River Tyne From Tinmouth to Newcastle (with) A Draught of the River Humber (with) A Draught of Yarmouth Roads (with) A Draught of Harwich (with) A Draught of Burlington Bay and Pier (with) The Road and Pier to Hartlepool

Stock#: 40952

Map Maker: Senex / Halley / Cutler

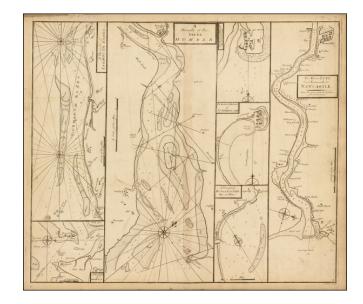
Date: 1728 Place: London

Color: Outline Color

Condition: VG

Size: 23 x 20 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking Set of Charts from an Influential Atlas

Fine set of charts of various ports in and around the United Kingdom. The charts include (from left to right) Yarmouth Roads, Harwich, the Humber, Hartlepool, Scarbrough, Burlington Bay and Pier, and the River Tyne near Newcastle.

Atlas Maritimus et Commercialis

These charts were included in an important English maritime atlas of the early-eighteenth century, the *Atlas Maritimus et Commercialis*. The atlas included a geography text, sailing directions, and sea charts. It was published by, among others, the Knapton brothers, who were also responsible for some of the bestselling voyage accounts of the early- to mid-eighteenth century, including those of William Dampier.

The atlas was published specifically to rival the *English Pilot*, a five-volume work that was published first by John Seller, and then by his son, Jeremiah, and his partner, Charles Price, and then by Mount & Page. To differentiate it from the competition, the *Atlas* was published in one volume. It also featured the western and southern coasts of the Americas, which were not included in the *Pilot*.

Much of the text of the work is attributed to Daniel Defoe who, in addition to writing Robinson Crusoe,



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was also an eager advocate of colonial expansion and overseas trade. The atlas is usually attributed to John Senex, John Harris, and Henry Wilson. Nathaniel Cutler is thought to have contributed to the charts and to have written the sailing directions, which Edmund Halley supposedly edited. Edmund Halley is also mentioned on the title page as approving the projection, which most likely refers to a globular projection developed by Senex, Harris, and Wilson.

In 2015, a complete example of the atlas sold for £27,500 at Christie's in London. While the collaboration was impressive, the atlas never achieved the same commercial success. As such, the charts are quite scarce on the market.

Detailed Condition: