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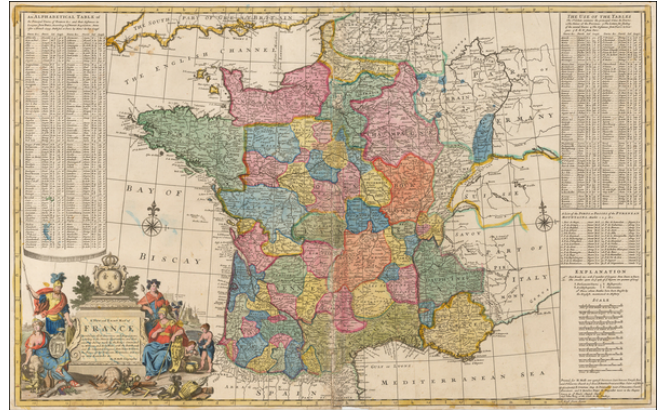
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A New and Exact Map of France Dividid into all its Provinces and Acquisitions, according to the Newest Observations . . .

Stock#: 48715
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1730 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 38.5 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Moll's fine separately published two-sheet map of France, with place-names keyed in alphabetical tables.

The post roads are clearly marked and a slightly unusual feature is Moll's list of thirty-two numbered passes through the Pyrenees. A highly emblematic cartouche has images of the rival observatories of Paris and Greenwich outlined on distant hills.

This state bears the imprint of H. Moll, I. Bowels, P. Overton, T. Bowles, and John King.

Herman Moll

Herman Moll (1654? - September 22, 1732) was one of the most important London map makers in the first half of the 18th Century. Moll was probably born in Bremen, Germany, but moved to London to escape the Scanian Wars. His earliest work was as an engraver for Moses Pitt on the production of the *English Atlas*, a failed work which landed Pitt in Debtor's Prison.

Moll's work quickly helped him become a member of a group which congregated at Jonathan's Coffee House at Number 20 Exchange Alley, Cornhill, where speculators met to trade stock. Moll's circle included the scientist Robert Hooke, the archaeologist William Stuckley, the authors Jonathan Swift and Daniel Defoe, and the intellectually-gifted pirates William Dampier, Woodes Rogers and William Hacke. From these contacts, Moll gained a great deal of privileged information that was included in his maps.

Detailed Condition:

Hand-coloring is not original, but does have some age, and is quite possibly from the 18th century. Some



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creasing and very light wear around centerfold.