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Chili Magellans-Land, and Terra del Fuego &c. (With Samuel Pepys Island)

Stock#: 65913
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1701 circa
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 8 x 8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Herman Moll's map of the Southern part of South America with Pepys Island, named for Samuel Pepys.

Detailed map showing the southern most part of South America's coastlines with hundreds of harbors, bays and capes.

The Strait of Magellan is mapped in detail. Discovered in 1520 by the Portuguese sailor Ferdinand Magellan, the first explores circumnavigate the globe, this natural channel linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans though a challenging route to navigate -given the unpredictable winds and currents-, is the fastest



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connection between the two oceans. To the east of Terra del Fuego, Moll notes 'Bouwers Land.' This is most likely modern day Isla de los Estados or Staten Island, named after Hendrick Brouwer who recorded the sighting of the island in 1643.

Moll notes a speculative land mass to the west of Chile called 'Davis' Land' or Terre de Davis. Located roughly where Easter Island is today, Terre de Davis or Davis' Land was supposedly discovered in 1688 by an English navigator of the same name. Many historians argue whether or not Davis Land was actually Easter Island, but it does seem likely.

Living and working in London as an engraver and cartographer, Herman Moll (c.1654-1732) spent some of his free time in the London Coffee Houses, socializing with some of the foremost navigators, explorers and buccaneers of his time, who supplied him with surveys and sketches taken from their voyages, such as Capt. William Cowley who kept a journal of his round-the-world trip during 1683-1688, Capt. Woodes Rogers (1679-1732) a buccaneer in the South Seas, and Capt. William Dampier (1651-1715) who made 3 circumnavigations.

Detailed Condition: