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A New & Exact Map of the Electorate of Brunswick-Lunenborg and ye rest of ye Kings Dominions in Germany, very much Improved by ye kind Assistance of severall Curious Gentlemen . . . To His Most Sacred Majesty George King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Elector of Brunswick-Lunenborg &c

Stock#: 102689
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1730
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 39 x 24 inches
Price: \$ 650.00



Description:

Fine decorative map of Brunswick-Lunenborg and environs, dedicated to King George I, of Great Britain, who was also an Elector of the Holy Roman Empire, and Ruler of the Duchy and Electorate of Brunswick-Lunenborg.

At top center is the estuarial northern part of the Elbe River facing Hamburg, while Hanover appears near the center of the map.

Moll's depiction of the royal arms and other embellishments surrounding the cartouche display his considerable engraving talents.

Published shortly after King George I's ascendancy to the throne as King of England, in 1714, the map marks one of the more fascinating chapters in British History and a turning point in the history and power structure of the British Monarchy.

The Inset maps show:

- Part of England
- Netherlands
- Part of Germany (showing route of the King from Hannover to Greenwich)
- Duchy of Saxon Lauwenburg

King George I



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George I (1660 - 1727), was King of Great Britain and Ireland from August 1, 1714, until his death, and ruler of the Duchy and Electorate of Brunswick-Lüneburg (Hanover) in the Holy Roman Empire, from 1698.

George was born in Hanover and inherited the titles and lands of the Duchy of Brunswick-Lüneburg from his father and uncles. A succession of European wars expanded his German domains during his lifetime and in 1708 he was ratified as prince-elector of Hanover.

At the age of 54, after the death of Queen Anne of Great Britain, George ascended the British throne as the first monarch of the House of Hanover. Although over fifty Roman Catholics bore closer blood relationships to Anne, the Act of Settlement 1701 prohibited Catholics from inheriting the British throne.

George was Anne's closest living Protestant relative. In reaction, Jacobites attempted to depose George and replace him with Anne's Catholic half-brother, James Francis Edward Stuart, but their attempts failed.

During George's reign, the powers of the monarchy diminished and Britain began a transition to the modern system of cabinet government, led by a prime minister. Towards the end of his reign, actual power was held by Sir Robert Walpole, now recognized as Britain's first de facto prime minister.

Detailed Condition:

Engraving on two sheets of 18th-century laid paper, joined as one. Original hand-color in outline. Toning along the left vertical fold.