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Planisphere Celeste Meridional Par Monsr. De La Hire . . . 1705

Stock#: 102999
Map Maker: de Fer
Date: 1705
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18.5 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

Fine celestial chart of the constellations of the Southern Hemisphere, designed by Gabriel Phillipe de la Hire, one France's most noted astronomers and a member of the Royal Academy of Science.

La Hire's constellation figures are influenced by Johann Bayer's great star atlas (*Uranometria*, 1603) although La Hire did not use Bayer's system of number stars based upon their brightness. In his treatise on Celestial maps, Warner identifies Sir Edmund Halley as one of the prime sources for the text surrounding the Constellations.

The son of a distinguished Paris art professor, Phillipe de la Hire (1640-1718) studied art in Italy before turning to science and mathematics, where he distinguished himself by publishing important treatises on conics. La Hire is best known for his design of charts of the Constellations of the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, which were published by Nicolas De Fer, one of France's most important map publishers.

The map was engraved by Hendrick van Loon, who was responsible for a number of the most important French maps of the late 17th and early 18th Centuries. This later issue with the imprint of De Fer's successor Louis-Charles Desnos.

Detailed Condition:

Engraving on 18th-century laid paper. Hand-coloring.