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**МЕРКАТОРСКАЯ КАРТА ВСЕГО СВѢТА или ГЕНЕРАЛЬНАЯ КАРТА къ путешествію
Капитана Крузенштерна... 1813 [Mercator Map of the Whole World or a General Map
of the Journey of Captain Kruzenstern.]**

Stock#: 14285
Map Maker: Krusenstern

Date: 1813
Place: St. Petersburg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 36 x 24 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare map of the World, illustrating the tracks of Krusenstern's three year voyage around the World.

The map appeared in the Atlas *Ptueshestviu Vokrug Sviets Kapitana Kruzenshsterna*, which accompanied Krusenstern's *Poutechestvie vokroug sveta. . . . 1803-1806*, the first edition of the official account of the first Russian expedition to circumnavigate the globe, under the command of Ivan F. von Krusenstern, between 1803 and 1806.

This famous expedition under the command of Capt. Krusenstern, by Order of His Imperial Russian Majesty, Alexander I, sailed from Kronstadt on the 7th of August, 1803, and after touching at Falmouth, the Canaries and Brazil, then rounded Cape Horn, visiting the Marquesas Islands, Hawaii, Kamchatka, and Japan. In Hawaii the expedition separated, with ships under Langsdorff and Lisianski sailing to the Northwest Coast, while Krusenstern himself undertook an expedition to Japan, with the goal of opening Russian relations with that country. He then returned via Macao and the Cape of Good Hope.

The voyage was one of the most important post-Cook Pacific voyages, specifically aimed at obtaining more knowledge of the northern Pacific region, establishing diplomatic and commercial relations with Japan, and visiting the Russian trading posts in Alaska and on the west coast of America. The work was first published in Russian in 3 volumes and folio atlas in St. Petersbourg, 1809--13, and later republished in German at St. Petersbourg 1810--12 in 3 vols., accompanied by a folio atlas in 2 volumes, one consisting of 39 Charts and the other of 69 Views, Natural History Plates and Natives. These folio Atlases are of



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excessive rarity and most frequently imperfect.

This first edition is listed, though unlocated by Sabin. It was unknown to Bancroft, and is unrecorded by Smith, Cox, Golder, et al. An extreme rarity. The last complete edition of the work was offered by Eberstadt in his catalogue 119 (item #123) in 1950 (\$500.00).

There is no record of the World Map or the Atlas being offered at auction or in a dealer catalogue in the past 50 years. A second edition of the atlas (1824--18 maps only) was offered in Martayan Lan Catalogue #23.

Ex-Chicago Historical Society, with pencil markings in the lower left and right corners and an note -- Early American Maps No. 67 -- about the title. Old fold split reinforced on verso.

Detailed Condition: