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Planisphere Terrestre Suivant les nouvelle Observations des Astronomes Dressee et presente Roy Tres Chretien par Mr. Cassini le Fils . . .

Stock#: 23932 **Map Maker:** van der Aa

Date: 1713 Place: Leiden

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 26 x 21 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of Vander Aa's decorative map of the World, utilzing Cassini's important north polar projection.

The map is a close copy of the extremely rare Cassini-Nolin map issued in 1696 which was one of the most carefully prepared and scientifically accurate maps of the period. The original was eight meters across as laid out on the floor of the Paris Observatory by the French Academy of Sciences. During the 1670s and 1680s, prolonged scientific observations were conducted throughout the world by the Academy, under Cassini's direction. Astronomical observations from over 40 stations throughout the world were gathered and compiled, including Edmund Halley's observations at the Cape of Good Hope, among others. Quebec, Goa and Peking were among the other more exotic locals.

Two states of the Nolin-Cassini map are known, each surviving in only a few examples, making this the only obtainable example of this important eary projection.

Detailed Condition:

Minor fold split at lower fold and margin extended along the top and bottom, but overall a gorgeous example.