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A Map of the North-Pole and the parts Adjoining . . . MDCLXXX

Stock#: 41082
Map Maker: Pitt
Date: 1680
Place: Oxford
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking rubricated example of Moses Pitt's map of the North Pole.

Moses Pitt initially set out to produce an expanded edition of Jansson's *Atlas Maior*, with his partner Jacob Van Waesberg. Unfortunately, after production of several volumes, the project failed and Pitt landed in debtor's prison.

While most of the maps produced for the atlas are re-issues of earlier Dutch maps, Pitt's map of the North Pole, dedicated to the Right Honorable Charles FitzCharles, Earle of Plymouth, is an original production. The two vignettes show Inuit spear fishing and a European Whaling expedition. An inset map with annotations shows the most recent knowledge concerning Nova Zembla, based upon Russian, German and Dutch sources.

The map's nomenclature is in English and clearly shows both a Northwest Passage and a Northeast Passage. The map is elegantly finished with 4 compass roses and an elaborate coat of arms.

The red lining is typical of deluxe copies of books published in the 17th Century.

Detailed Condition:

Old redlining.