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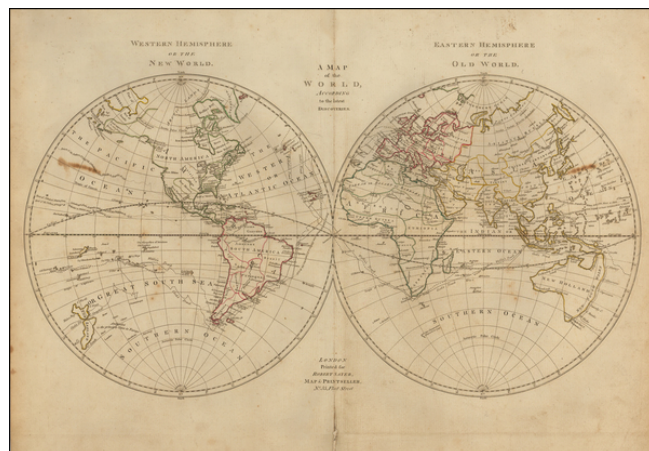
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A Map of the World, According to the latest Discoveries

Stock#: 44081
Map Maker: Sayer
Date: 1773 circa
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition:
Size: 27 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the earliest depictions of Cook's Discoveries in Australia and New Zealand.

Robert Sayer's double hemisphere map of the world is one of the first printed maps to show the discoveries of Captain James Cook in Australia and New Zealand.

Originally engraved for Spilsbury in the 1760s and intended as a puzzle map, the existence of this edition of the map, published circa 1772, was essentially unknown, until its recent discovery (in puzzle map format), but

As noted in the description to accompany the example owned by the State Library of New South Wales:

The map shows the routes of several notable explorers, namely Quiros (1605), Davis (1686), Bering (1741), Anson (1740-42), Wallis, and importantly, 'the track of Cook'. Cook's circumnavigation is plotted, with his discoveries along the East coast of Australia and exploration into the Southern Ocean. One of the earliest published maps showing Cook's first voyage . . . "

The State Library of NSW example can be found here:

<http://acms.sl.nsw.gov.au/album/albumView.aspx?itemID=936571&acmsid=0>

No other surviving example of this state of the map is known to exist in sheet map form and the NLA puzzle map seems to be a singular surviving example in puzzle format, as the map was quickly revised by Sayer to show a corrected format for both Australia and New Zealand, in line with the printed maps which accompanied the official account of Cook's first voyage.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor fold split at lower centerfold, expertly repaired on verso. Some staining in the North Pacific on both sides of the map.