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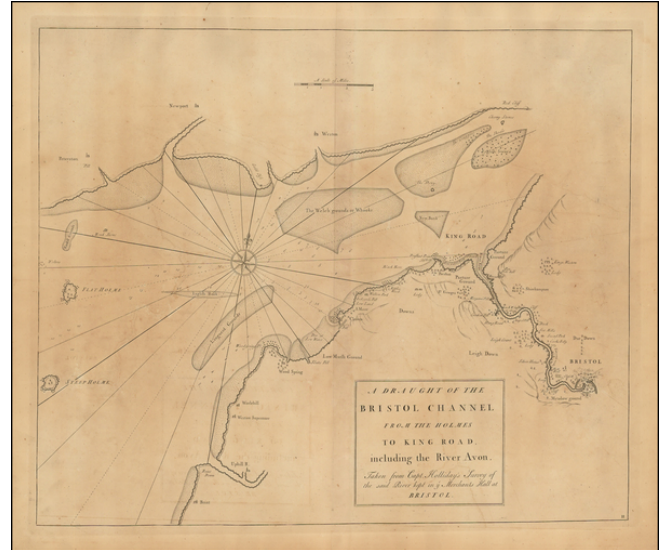
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## **A Draught of the Bristol Channel from the Holmes to King Road, including the River Avon. Taken from Capt. Holliday's Survey of the Said River kep in ye. Merchants Hall at Bristol.**

**Stock#:** 47074  
**Map Maker:** Senex / Halley / Cutler  
**Date:** 1728  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 24 x 20.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 375.00



### **Description:**

#### ***Scarce Sea Chart of the Bristol Channel from an Influential Atlas***

A fascinating detailed chart of the approaches to Bristol. The Somerset shore is detailed from "Brint"(Brean) to north of the mouth of the Avon. The town of "Weston Supermare" is also displayed along with "Cleaven" (Clevedon) and "Porshut" (Portishead). The Welsh coast is depicted including "Peterston" near Cardiff and Newport.

There is a large amount of detail leading up the Avon River to Bristol. One particular note records "Here K. W. landed 1690." Bristol itself is laid out although there is little development south of the river, with most of modern day Bedminster recorded as "Meadow ground.".

Captain Holliday is Anselm Halladay or Holliday, a merchant captain who sailed out of Bristol. He would meet his early end in 1729, where he was killed aboard his ship off the coast of Africa by captive slaves, enroute to market.

#### **Atlas Maritimus et Commercialis**

This chart was included in an important English maritime atlas of the early-eighteenth century, the *Atlas Maritimus et Commercialis*. The atlas included a geography text, sailing directions, and sea charts. It was



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published by, among others, the Knapton brothers, who were also responsible for some of the bestselling voyage accounts of the early- to mid-eighteenth century, including those of William Dampier.

The atlas was published specifically to rival the *English Pilot*, a five-volume work that was published first by John Seller, and then by his son, Jeremiah, and his partner, Charles Price, and then by Mount & Page. To differentiate it from the competition, the *Atlas* was published in one volume. It also featured the western and southern coasts of the Americas, which were not included in the *Pilot*.

Much of the text of the work is attributed to Daniel Defoe who, in addition to writing *Robinson Crusoe*, was also an eager advocate of colonial expansion and overseas trade. The atlas is usually attributed to John Senex, John Harris, and Henry Wilson. Nathaniel Cutler is thought to have contributed to the charts and to have written the sailing directions, which Edmund Halley supposedly edited. Edmund Halley is also mentioned on the title page as approving the projection, which most likely refers to a globular projection developed by Senex, Harris, and Wilson.

In 2015, a complete example of the atlas sold for £27,500 at Christie's in London. While the collaboration was impressive, the atlas never achieved the same commercial success. As such, the charts are quite scarce on the market.

**Detailed Condition:**

Minor offsetting