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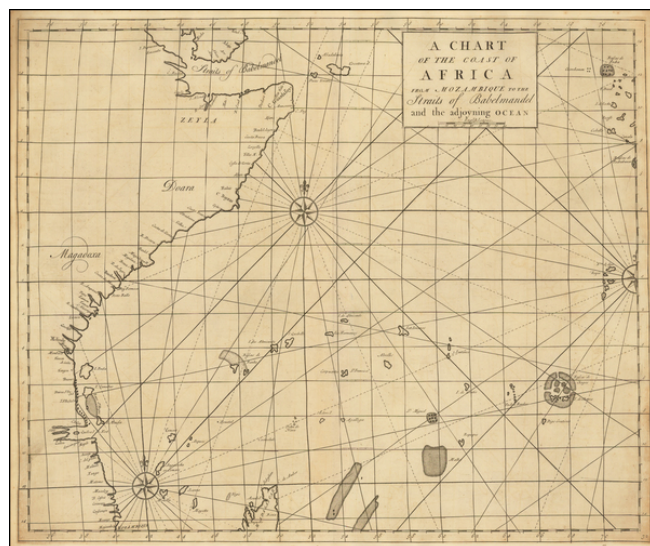
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## A Chart of the Coast of Africa from Mozambique to the Straits of Babelmandel and the adjoining Ocean.

**Stock#:** 47195  
**Map Maker:** Senex / Halley / Cutler  
**Date:** 1728  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 23 x 20 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Scarce sea chart of the coast of east Africa from Mozambique to the Eritrean coast, with particular attention to the hazardous and important islands of the southwestern Indian Ocean.

The map is island-heavy and depicts Zanzibar, the Chagos, Diego Garcia, part of Madagascar, Mauritius, Reunion, the Seychelles, the Maldives, and many large reefs.

This very rare work was a collaborative effort of a number of the leading cartographic and scientific names of the period, including Sir Edmund Halley, John Senex, Nathaniel Cutler, Steven Parker and Daniel Defoe, whose names are frequently associated with this work.

The sea atlas was developed by Senex and Harris to compete with Mount & Page's wildly popular English Pilot sea series. It was published under the name *Atlas Maritimus et commercialis, or A general view of the world...* (London: James and John Knapton et al., 1728).

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 maps are quite scarce on the market. The full name of the book was the

*Atlas maritimus & commercialis, or, A general view of the world, so far as relates to trade and*



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*navigation : describing all the coasts, ports, harbours, and noted rivers ... : to which are added sailing directions for all the known coasts and islands on the globe, with a set of sea charts, some laid down after Mercator, but the greater part according to a new globular projection adapted for measuring distances...by scale and compass...the use of the projection justified by Dr. Halley. To which are subjoin'd two large hemispheres on the plane of the equinoctial containing all the stars in the Britannic catalogue: of great use to sailors for finding the latitude in the night / [by] Cutler, Nathaniel , et al.*

**Detailed Condition:**

Lightest offsetting.