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A Chart Describing the Coast of Great Britain and Ireland to the Straits of Gibraltar and the Mediterranean Sea.

Stock#: 48740
Map Maker: Senex / Halley / Cutler
Date: 1728
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

General Sea Chart of Europe and the Mediterranean, published in the *Atlas maritimus & commercialis, or, A general view of the world* . . . one of the earliest sea atlases published in Great Britain.

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 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



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*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: