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To the Right Honorable Charles Earl of Sunderland, and Baron Spencer of Wormleighton ... this Map of South America, According to the Newest and Most Exact Observations is Most Humbly Dedicated . . .

Stock#: 54291
Map Maker: Moll

Date: 1730 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 39 x 25.5 inches

Price: $ 875.00



Description:

A Large English Map of Colonial South America

Striking large format map of South America, published by Herman Moll, one of the leading English map makers in the first half of the 18th Century.

The map includes a large inset of San Luis Potosi, showing a mountain village, with windmills at the right of the scene. The elaborate cartouche includes 2 volcanos and an ornate coat of arms and scene showing indigenous peoples. The extends to the Galapagos and the Islands of Salomon, with the currents of the ocean shown. The body of the map and insets include significant detail and some fascinating annotations.

Herman Moll was one of the most important London map makers in the first half of the 18th Century. Moll was probably born in Bremen, Germany, but moved to London to escape the Scanian Wars. His earliest work was as an engraver for Moses Pitt on the production of the *English Atlas,* a failed work which landed Pitt in Debtor's Prison.

Moll's work quickly helped him become a memberof a group which congregated at Jonathan's Coffee House at Number 20 Exchange Alley, Cornhill, where speculators met to trade stock. Moll's circle included the scientist Robert Hooke, the archaeologist William Stuckley, the authors Jonathan Swift and Daniel Defoe, and the intellectually-gifted pirates William Dampier, Woodes Rogers and William Hacke. From these contacts, Moll gained a great deal of privileged information that was included in his maps.

Detailed Condition: