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A New Map of Ancient Scandinavia together with as much more of ye Northern Part of Ancient Europe as Answers to Present

Stock#: 57878mp2
Map Maker: Wells
Date: 1712
Place: Oxford
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative map of Scandinavia and Northern Europe, with an inset of Denmark and part of Norway and Sweden. Two decorative cartouches.

Wells map is 1 of a set of 22 maps dedicated to William, Duke of Gloucester, who at the time of publication of the maps was studying at Oxford. Edward Wells, teacher of mathematics and geography at Christchurch College of Oxford University. The 13-year-old William, heir to the throne, began studies at Christchurch in 1700 at the age of 11, and died a few months after the map was issued.

The engraver of the map, Michael Burghers, was an engraver and draftsman from Holland, who came to England and settled in Oxford in 1673. There he worked under David Loggan and succeeded him as Engraver to the University. Burghers engraved the first Oxford Almanack in 1676, and continued to engrave most of them for the next 43 years. He also illustrated books and produced architectural, botanical and portrait engravings.

Detailed Condition: