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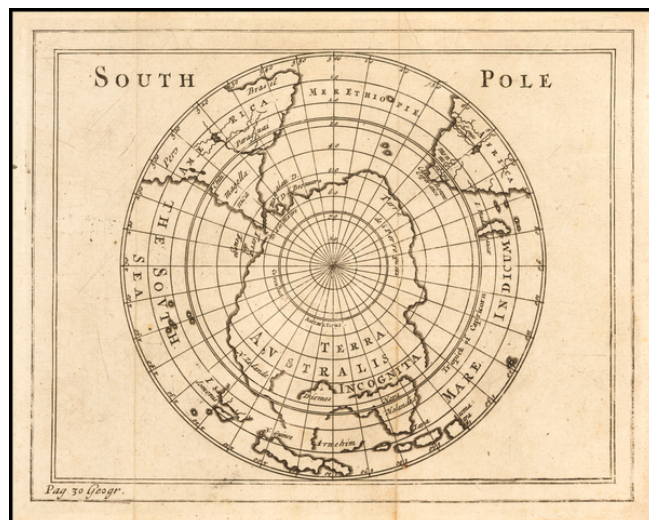
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South Pole

Stock#: 58116
Map Maker: Moore
Date: 1681
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 8.5 x 6.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

South Polar Rarity

Rare English map of the South Polar regions, published by Jonas Moore.

The map shows "Terra Australis Incognita," the unknown southern continent which appeared on maps for over 200 years, before slowly disappearing from maps in the 18th Century (ironically, remaining on maps longer than the actual Antarctica, since its discovery).

A complicated set of coastal lines in the lower half of the map attempts to reconcile Abel Tasman's discoveries in Australia and New Zealand with the remnants of this 200+ year old myth.

The map appeared in Moore's *A New Geography*. Many of the plates in the work were engraved by Herman Moll, who had moved to London in 1678 and had not yet begun publishing under his own name. These are among the earliest known maps engraved by Moll. Burden credits Moll's first map as being his work for William Berry, also in 1681.

Rarity

The maps of Sir Jonas Moore are very rare.

AMPR / oldmaps.com lists no examples of the map on the market in the past 30 years.



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This is the first example of the map we have seen on the market in more than 20 years.

Detailed Condition: