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A New and Correct Map of the World Laid Down According to the Newest Discoveries, and from the Most Exact Observations . . .

Stock#: 62349
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1715 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 38 x 22 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

English Wall Map of the World (Showing Sea of Korea and California as an Island)

Decorative example of this large and decorative double hemisphere map of the World, published by Herman Moll in London.

Moll's map is one of the first to record prevailing wind directions based on scientific observation. It was designed for a British public interested in maritime exploration and commerce and thus to encourage subscriptions for Moll's *New and Complete Atlas*.

California is shown as an island, a prominent River of the West is "laid down according to the Baron Lahontan's discoveries," and most of the Arctic is labeled "Parts Unknown." In northeastern Asia, Iesso (Hokkaido) is shown to be part of Siberia with Companys Land lying just offshore. Only the western and northern coasts and a bit of Diemen's Land are shown in Australia.

To the north of Japan, the Sea of Corea is named.

Surrounding the hemispheres are a variety of astronomical diagrams, including representations of the planets, the moon, a north polar projection, and the solar systems theories of Ptolemy and Copernicus. The title is enclosed in a banner-style cartouche at the top.

Of particular interest is the vitriolic attack on Moll's competitors, particularly French cartographer Nicolas Sanson (whose maps have been condemned and found to be notoriously false). Moll goes on to claim the Dutch maps are inaccurate and often illegal piracies.



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This is the first edition of the map with a large dedication cartouche "To His Royal Highness George, Prince of Denmark, Lord High Admiral Great Britain & Ireland, &c." First printed in 1709, this example notes that it was "Printed for H. Moll D. Midwinter at ye 3 Crowns in St. Paul's Churt yard and By T. Bowles . . . 1709" and "Sold by H. Moll . . . and P. Overton . . . " placing the date of the map as circa 1715.

For the second edition, the map dedication would be revised, "To His most Sacred Majesty, George nd. By the Grace of God King of Great Britain, France & Ireland Defender of the Faith &c.

Detailed Condition:

Restoration along the left fold with some loss, most notably from Tartary to just below Australia. Some minor loss along the centerfold, most notably in the North Polar inset.