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Andrew Elton**

**Stock#:** 62983op  
**Map Maker:** Elton & Roberts  
**Date:** 1730 circa  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 18 x 25.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 3,600.00



**Description:**

***Very rare English chart of the Bay of Naples, by Andrew Elton, in superb contemporary hand-color.***

Engraved sea chart of Naples, with integral town views. The chart, by Andrew Elton, includes a dedication to Charles Frye.

The chart shows the Bay of Naples from the Island of Ischia to Cabrata Island (Capri). Mount Vesuvius is depicted in eruption, touring over the city. Numerous bearings on shown in the bay and many smaller port towns are named. Views of three islands are provided at the base of the map.



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### **Naples | To Cha. Frye Esqr. This Plate is humbly Dedicated by his most humble Servt. Andrew Elton**

In 1730 and 1731, the English merchant mariner Captain Andrew Elton Jr. issued a series of sea charts of harbors and coastal locations that he had visited during his voyages to the Mediterranean Sea. Each chart was masterfully engraved by Bishop Roberts, an artist who subsequently emigrated to America, where he produced one of the most important early views of Charleston, SC.

The chart includes four engraved coastal profiles at the bottom of the image, as well as the following description of Naples:

*Naples, one of the largest finest & most flourishing Cities in all Italy, is Seated on a Gulf of the same Name & has a Spacious and large Road on the Mediterranean The Sea washes it on ye South Side On ye North are little Hills which rise insensibly into Compania Faelix on the East is a Plain which leads to Mount Vesuvius and on the West the upper Town This City is defended by 3 Castles & adorn'd with a vast Number of Palaces Churches Monasteries Publick Fountains. The King of Spain used to appoint a Vice Roy who was Chang'd generally Every three Years but now they are Subject to the Emperor. About 8 Miles from Naples is the famous Mount Vesuvius noted for its Continual Fires. It has had Twelve dreadful Eruptions since the birth of Jesus Christ particularly wherein Pliny the Elder Lost his Life and another noted on in 1631 when the Sea retir'd Several Paces and Streams of Fire & burning Liquid matter ran thereinto Many Villeges were then overthrown above 3000 Persons wth. a vast Number of Cattle perish'd & Naples itself was threatned wth. a general Destruction However Mr. Misson assures us yt. the Country there abouts is very Rich & ye East Side of ye Mountain it Self bears abundance of good Vines so yt. from thence we have ye famous Greco Malateste and Lochryme Christi.*

### **Rarity**

This is the second known copy, after that held by the British Library. We are aware of only two institutional holdings of Elton charts. The British Library holds examples of the sheets containing the charts of Corve & Zea; Livorno; Charella & Stromboli; Salonica; Naples; and Gallipoli, Lipari & Milazzo. The Richard M. Daly Library at the University of Illinois-Chicago holds the charts of Corve & Zea; Livorno; Charella & Stromboli; Salonica, Gallipoli, Lipari & Milazzo and Smyrna.

### **Detailed Condition:**

Superb contemporary (17th-century Dutch) hand-coloring. Small tab tear barely into the image from the left edge.