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Nouvel Atlas de Marine Compose d'une Carte Generale, et de XII Cartes Particulieres, qui Representent Le Globe Terrestre jusqu'au 82e. Degre du Cote du Nord, et jusu'au 60e du Cote du Sud Le tout Dresse sur les Observations les plus Nouvelles et les plus approuvees [Includes Propectus]

Stock#: 63715
Map Maker: Brouckner

Date: 1749
Place: Berlin
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 96 x 54 inches (if joined)

Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Prussian Sea Atlas -- Forms a 12-sheet Wall Map of the World on Mercator's Projection

Rare sea atlas, published in Berlin.

This work is one of the first to show a cartographic reference to Bering's second voyage, although grossly distorted.

Each map with a small ink stamp of crowned eagle in lower right corner, identified as a Prussian revenue stamp. Offered with the prospectus, entitled:

Nachricht über den See-Atlantem welcher zu Berlin mit Approbation der Konigl. Preussischen Academie der Wissenschaften anno 1749 publiciret worden

(Message about the sea atlas which was published in Berlin in the year 1749 with the approval of the Royal Prussian Academy of Sciences).

This little-known wall map of the world is of great importance for mid-eighteenth century cartography. It was prepared under the auspices of the Berlin Academy of Sciences under the direction of Field Marshall



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Count Samuel von Schmettau by the Swiss geographer Isaac Brouckner, who served as geographer to Louis XV. Writing about the Library of Congress's acquisition of the 1759 Dutch edition of the atlas in 1950, Walter Ristow wrote:

A little-known Dutch edition of Isaac Brouckner's Nouvel atlas de marine, first published in 1749, was also added by purchase. . . . Only three copies of the original edition were known to Dr. Max Groll in 1912 when he reproduced it in facsimile . . . One of the three copies was in the Library of Congress. The 1759 Dutch edition contains the same general chart of the world and twelve detailed sheets on the scale of 1:21,000,000 that are found in the 1749 edition.

This first maritime atlas published in Germany on the Mercator projection has the parallels of latitude and the meridians of longitude drawn at each degree to facilitate the plotting of positions. . .

The atlas was prepared by the Swiss cartographer, Isaac Brouckner, under the auspices of the Berlin Academy of Sciences and under the direction of Field Marshal= Count Samuel von Schmettau, to whom it was dedicated. Count von Schmettau played an influential role in raising the level of scientific investigation in Prussia by reorganizing the Berlin Academy.

In 1748, Frederick the Great placed a censorship on all maps published and sold in Prussia. This measure, while it was directed against the importation of poor and inadequate cartographical materials published at Nuremberg, imposed upon the Academy at Berlin the duty of publishing good and accurate maps. The Nouvel atlas de marine was prepared in response to this need. It reflects not only first hand knowledge of contemporary sources, but also information based on previously unpublished data which Count von Schmettau placed at Brouckner's disposal.

Rarity

The work is rare: Phillips refers to a 1912 facsimile edition, prepared by Dr M. Groll in which Groll states that "only three copies of the original atlas are known... to be in existence". Those copies were located in the Library of Congress, the Nordenskiöld Library at Helsingfors, and in the library of the Grand Duke at Weimar. Two additional copies have appeared in the market in the past 25 years. OCLC records only one



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institutional example; that in the University of Bern, Switzerland.

We were unable to locate any reference to the prospectus in any institutional collections.

Provenance: Warren Heckrotte. Prospectus acquired separately.

Detailed Condition:

12 sheets, unjoined, plus key sheet and prospectus. Original boards present, but detached. Sheets loose.