## The Western Ocean

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| **Stock#:** | 64100 |
| **Map Maker:** | Price & Seller |
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| **Date:** | 1703 circa |
| **Place:** | London |
| **Color:** | Hand Colored |
| **Condition:** | VG |
| **Size:** | 21 x 17 inches |
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| **Price:** | SOLD |



**Description:**

Rare early English sea chart of the Atlantic, published in London by Jeremiah Seller and Charles Price.

The map is one of the earliest sea charts published in England to illustrate what would become known as the Triangle Trade, which involved the transport of slaves from Africa to the Caribbean and North America, which were sold, with the money used to purchae raw goods (sugar, rum, molasses; tobacco and hemp), which were in turn transported to Europe and sold, before beginning again. The trade took adavantage of the prevailing ocean currents, which made the triangular route more adventageous than simply an "out and back" route.

The map is a reduced version of a 4 sheet wall map of the same region, published by Thornton, Fisher, Colson & Atkinson (Burden #506).

The map includes part of North and South America, western Europe and southern England. The cartouche, placed in the central Africa, contains two figures blowing horns. Another cartouche appears in South America with two natives and two animals surround the scale. The compass rose radiates rhumb lines to all four continents.

The present example would seem to be the first state, with the names Jeremiah Seller and Charles Price shown. A second state has the name Seller & Price removed from the cartouche.

One of the most curious features of the map is the naming of "Batlemore" between Maryland and
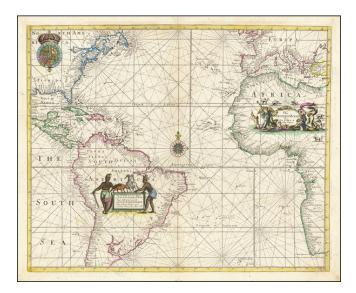
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Chesapeake B. The Maryland colonial General Assembly created the Port of Baltimore at Locust Point in 1706 for the tobacco trade. The Town of Baltimore was founded on July 30, 1729, and is named after Lord Baltimore, who was the first Proprietary Governor of the Province of Maryland.

This may in fact be the earliest appearance of the name on a printed map.

### Rarity

This is the second time we have seen this map in 25 years. The only other example was the second state, which we sold in 2011.

**Detailed Condition:**
Fold Split at top center, expertly repaired on verso.