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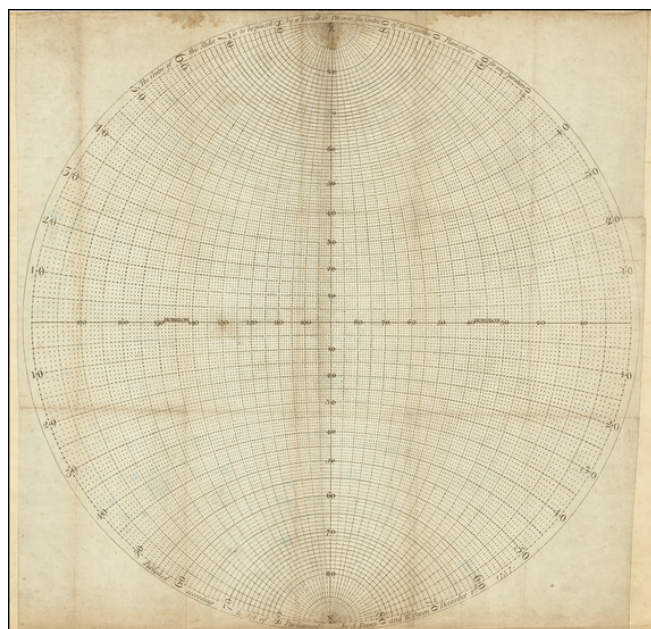
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Stock#: 65557
Map Maker: Dunn / Owen
Date: 1757
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 22 inches
Price: \$ 695.00



Description:

Rare overlay "slider" device, which was to be placed over the terrestrial and celestial planisphere maps which were published by Dunn & Owen in their *Description and Use of the Universal Planispheres*.

Dunn's Universal Planisphere work was published after Dunn became a master at the Academy in Chelsea which specialized in navigation and commerce. His pamphlet was intended to provide "an economical method of teaching spherical geometry without the expense of purchasing actual globes. The pamphlet includes 4 maps, two terrestrial planispheres and two celestial planispheres, each on a stereographic projection, which were intended to imitate the visual and mathematical properties of globes, along with this slider device, which would be placed over the planisphere in order to make calculations.

Examples of "The Earth's Eastern Planisphere" and "The Earth's Western Planisphere" by Samuel Dunn and & William Owen are shown below. The only images of examples of each map can be seen here:

- **National Library of Australia:** <https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-232418538/view>
- **Boston Public Library:** <https://collections.leventhalmap.org/search/commonwealth:cj82m6572>

Rarity



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We locate two complete examples of the 1759 edition of the pamphlet with the 4 maps and slider (British Library and Bibliotheque National de France).

We note an example of the map and slider sheet in the Slaughter Collection at the New York Public Library.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling.