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Date: 1750 circa
Place: London
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Condition: VG
Size: 14.5 x 12.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A rare star chart centered on the constellation Leo, showing a pouncing lion. Leo is one of the earliest zodiac signs to be recorded and was referred to by the Babylonians as the "Great Lion." In Greek myth, the constellation represents the Nemean lion slain by Heracles.

The chart includes a colored Leo and uncolored parts of the constellations of Cancer, Sextans, and others. Major stars are shown according to brightness. The image is orientated so that the ecliptic line lies horizontally. Several other lines of celestial importance are shown.

This chart was dedicated to "Mr. William Watson, FRS" and a coat of arms reads "Be just and fear not." Watson was a leading botanist and physicist of the time who coined the term "circuit," still used today. Watson made several major advances in the field of electricity and determined that positive and negative charges were of the same nature.

Detailed Condition:

Several minor spots in upper right and bottom left of image.