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A New Chart of the Vast Atlantic Ocean; Exhibiting The Seat of War both in Europe and America, likewise the Trade Winds & Course of Sailing from one Continent to the other .

Stock#: 71449
Map Maker: Bowen
Date: 1755
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 17 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce Map of the Atlantic with Sailing Routes To New York & Boston!

Fine example of Bowen's fascinating broadside map of the Atlantic, which includes a table comparing the chart with Henry Popple's great Map of the British Empire in America, first issued in 1740.

Crossing the North Atlantic, the tracks showing the "Course to New York &c." and "Course to Boston in New England", are clearly delineated.

Includes marvelous details concerning the various sailing routes of Spain and England to their various territorial possessions in the New World, along with notes regarding the Bahamas, Bermuda and the Carolinas and extensive annotations and notes regarding the British Colonies in North America and the currents of the Atlantic.

While pre-dating the English "discovery" of the Gulf Stream, it is clear that the quest to understand the currents in the Atlantic. The note at the top reads:

The middle of ye Ocean is at rest. The currents are only towards the Coasts & Commonly regulated by yet Winds. Without the Trade Winds the Seas is subject to Variable Winds (tho usually all Wind reigns there) & Storms. Within those Limits it is generally very Calm & ye Winds as well as Currents regular, which makes sailing extremely safe and pleasant: for this reason the usual Course to Virginia lies so much to the Southward.



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