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### III. Ursa Minor, Draco, Cepheus... Coelum Stellatum.

**Stock#:** 75908  
**Map Maker:** Bode  
**Date:** 1801  
**Place:** Berlin  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 31.5 x 23 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

***A magnificent hand-colored engraved celestial plate from "the most elaborate atlas of stars and constellations published to date and perhaps the last great star atlas." - David Rumsey***

Impressive celestial engraving from the large folio 1801 first edition of Johann Elert Bode's *Uranographia*. The plate depicts the constellations of Draco, Cauda Draconis, Ursa Minor, Camelopardalus, Rangifer, Messium, and Cepheus.

The image has a particularly striking treatment of the circumpolar constellation Draco, which was one of the first 48 constellations of Ptolemy in the 2nd century. Draco, or the dragon, is magnificently shown as a serpent with a bearded head. Other primary depictions are just as impressive, but notable also are the faintly engraved constellations that form the background of the image.

#### Detailed Condition: