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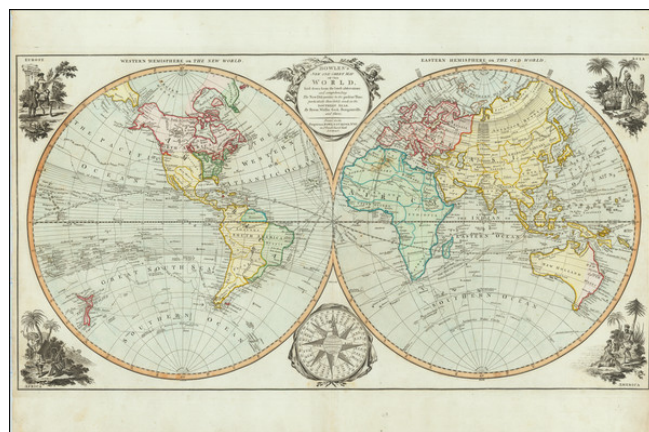
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Bowles's New One-Sheet Map of the World, laid down from the latest observations and ... New Discoveries ... by Byron, Wallis, Cook, Bougainville, and others...

Stock#: 75968
Map Maker: Bowles
Date: 1793
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 28 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare English World Map in Old Color

Striking double-hemisphere map of the world, with the tracks of several recent explorers.

The map has interesting geographic details stemming from the latest expeditions. Australia is shown as split into New Holland and New South Wales, splitting the western portion with Dutch toponyms from the east coast as charted by James Cook on this first voyage.

There is no southern continent, but in the Arctic several unfinished coastlines—Greenland, Purchase Pt., Pr. Williams Land—suggest lands reaching into the highest northern latitudes. Alexander Mackenzie's findings in Canada as part of his 1789 expedition to the Arctic Ocean are included.

Both New Zealand and Alaska are well delineated and based on the findings of James Cook. All three of his voyage tracks are included here, allowing the reader to follow along as he explored the Pacific.

Another set of ship tracks included are those of Admiral Anson and the *Nuestra Señora de la Covadonga*. This is a reference to the circumnavigation of George Anson in 1740-44. He was tasked with harassing Spanish trade in the Pacific during the War of Jenkins' Ear, which was subsumed within the larger War of Austrian Succession. He achieved this aim when he captured the *Covadonga* in 1743.

A final route is not a British voyage, but a French one, that of Louis-Antoine de Bougainville. From 1766-9 he completed the first French circumnavigation; his was also the second European ship to visit Tahiti.



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The map is decorated with a title cartouche guarded by an old angel and a cherub, representing the passage of time. Between the two hemispheres at the bottom is a fine compass rose. In each corner is a vignette illustrating the people and products of four continents: Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

In ca. 1780, Carington Bowles first published *Bowles's Universal Atlas*. An example of this edition appears to be in the Library of Congress. Bowles seems to have re-issued the atlas with revisions just prior to his death in 1793, which corresponds with the date of this map. He was succeeded by his son Henry Carington Bowles (1763-1830) who shortly after formed a partnership with Samuel Carver. The firm was renamed Bowles and Carver and continued trading at No. 69 St. Paul's Churchyard. Most publications by this firm are rare and *Bowles's Universal Atlas* is no exception.

Detailed Condition: