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Globus Coelestis [Fig: 2]

Stock#: 79601
Map Maker: Thomas
Date: 1730
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 4.75 x 5 inches
Price: \$ 395.00



Description:

Attractive original antique copperplate engraving of a celestial globe published by Thomas Corbinianus in Frankfurt in 1730. The globe shows a number of constellations, including most of the signs of the Zodiac, Ursa Major, Triangulum, Canis, and many others.

Celestial globes were a crucial instrument for early navigation. When used in conjunction with a terrestrial globe, using the celestial globe at night would provide coordinates that could then be transferred onto the terrestrial globe, in order to give a precise location. As such, many early important globes were produced in celestial and terrestrial pairs.

This work originally appeared in the celestial atlas *Mercurii Philosophici Firbamentum Firmianum*. The work was engraved by Jakob Hering and published by Thomas for his patron Leopold Anton von Firmian, Archbishop of Salzburg.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color.