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(Two Insets of Volcanic Eruptions) A New and Accurate Map of Italy Drawn from the latest and Best Authorities

Stock#: 80005 **Map Maker:** Bowen

Date: 1747 Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 9 x 12.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Illustrating the Eruptions of Mount Aetna and Mount Vesuvius

Highly decorative map of Italy, published in London by Emanuel Bowen in the mid-18th century for his *A Complete System of Geography*. The map shows two fantastic representations of volcanoes, with high, fiery plumes of smoke rising above Catania and Naples.

The map itself is highly detailed, with cities, rivers, geographical features, and decorative elements all included. Notes abound, and Bowen credits de Maurepas, Riccioli, and Delisle as his sources. The cartouche shows a cardinal on the outskirts of Rome.

The two eruptions shown at the bottom of the map are those of Mt. Etna in 1669 and an updated eruption



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of Mt. Vesuvius, which had recently entered a phase of heightened activity in 1631. These two frightening views include detailed notes regarding various Etna eruptions, describing the damage to Catania.

Detailed Condition: