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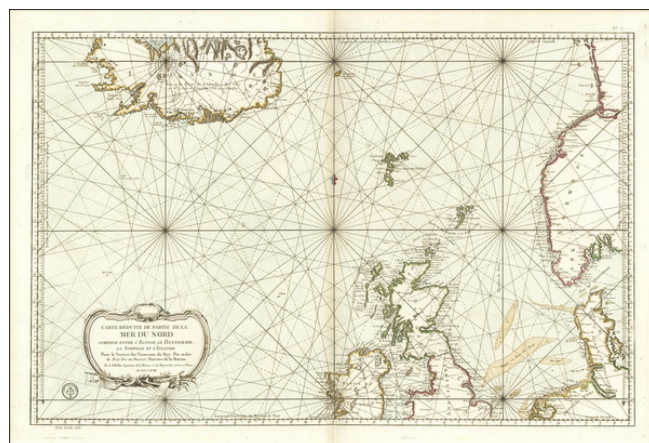
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Carte Reduite De Partie de la Mer du Nords Comprise Entr l'Ecosse, le Dannemark, la Norwege et l'Islande . . . M. DCC. LXVIII

Stock#: 81618
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1768
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 34 x 22.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,100.00



Description:

An Important Early Sea Chart of Iceland and the North Atlantic

Finely executed sea chart of Iceland and the contiguous coast of Greenland and neighboring islands, which broadly disseminated the work of the earliest modern surveys of Iceland.

In addition to its well executed treatment of the coast, fjords and sailing details of Iceland, the chart provides topographical information for the island, including glaciers (jokul), rivers, lakes, fjords, settlements and districts (syssel), with Mount Hekla, the island's most notorious Volcano, shown erupting.

Bellin's map provides a fine large format rendition of the Thomas Knoff's 1734 map of Iceland, which had been hidden from view for several decades, until its "re-discovery" by Niels Horrebow.

Horrebow was sent to Iceland by the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences in 1749. In 1752, his *Tilforladelige Efterretninger om Island*, provided a remarkable and comprehensive look at the island, along with an important map of Iceland, based on the earlier work of Norwegian surveyor Thomas Hans Henrik Knoff. Knoff was sent to Iceland by the Danish government to continue and complete the work of Magnús Arason, who had been tasked with the first comprehensive and systematic survey of the island. By 1734, Knoff had completed a set of seven maps and a general map of the whole country which he finished in the year 1734. Curiously, a dispute arose between Knoff and the Danish Government over Knoff's dissemination of the cartographic information, and his maps were essentially buried in the Danish archives until Horrebow made use of Knoff's work in 1752.

A fine example, embellished with bold rhumb lines and a striking title cartouche.



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Detailed Condition: