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## Norvegiae Maritimae ab Els-burgo ad Dronten / Pascaert van Noorwegen streckende van Els-burg tot Dronten . . .

**Stock#:** 92728  
**Map Maker:** Ottens  
**Date:** 1745 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 22 x 19 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Reiner and Josua Ottens' sea chart, "Norvegiae Maritimae ab Els-burgo ad Dronten", is a visual treat steeped in historical and geographical precision. This is the of the chart crafted by Frederick De Wit in the 1680s, offering an intriguing perspective of the Norwegian coastline, distinctively oriented with east at the top.

Upon first glance, the viewer's attention is drawn to the detailed coastline of Norway. Each inlet, bay, and peninsula is meticulously etched, making evident the rigorous cartographic study and craftsmanship that went into the chart. The complex coastline and vast stretches of fjords are intricately mapped out, capturing the essence of Norway's unique marine topography.

The allegorical title cartouche is an artistic component that adds a layer of cultural depth to the chart. It effectively encapsulates the spirit of Norway, demonstrating the country's essential industries and traditions through a series of well-executed illustrations. The fishing industry is portrayed through fishermen at work drying their catch, a testament to the vitality of maritime livelihoods in Norway. Ever since the Viking age, Norwegians have dried fish outdoors in the fresh ocean wind to make stockfish.

Mining, another industry central to Norway's economic history, is depicted at the right with pack animals. Moreover, the pastoral practice of husbandry is shown by farmers tending to their livestock, reminding viewers of the importance of agricultural activities in the country's hinterland and the exotic



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Dominating the foreground of this cartouche is a depiction of a female monarch. Holding a sailing vessel in her left hand, she stands as a symbol of sovereign power and the maritime prowess of the nation.

**Detailed Condition:**