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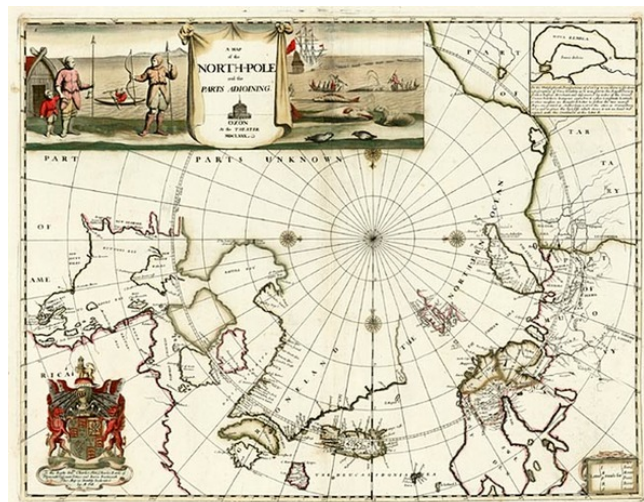
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A Map of the North-Pole and the parts Adioining . . . MDCLXXX

Stock#: 9277
Map Maker: Pitt
Date: 1680
Place: Oxford
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Gorgeous old color example of Moses Pitt's map of the North Pole. Pitt initially set out to produce an expanded edition of Blaeu's Grand Atlas, with his partner Jacob Van Waesberg. Unfortunately, after production of several volumes, the project failed and Pitt landed in debtor's prison. While most of the maps produced for the atlas are re-issues of earlier Dutch maps, Pitt's map of the North Pole, dedicated to the Right Honorable Charles FitzCharles, Earle of Plymouth, is an origianl production. The two vignettes show Inuit spear fishing and a European Whaling expedition. An inset map with annotations shows the most recent knowledge concerning Nova Zembla, based upon Russian, German and Dutch sources. The maps nomenclature is in English and ` the Northeast Passage. The map is elegantly finished with 4 compass roses and an elaborate coat of arms. A gorgeous early color example, backed with japan paper to support the oxidation of the greens, which show the usual cracking (now well conserved) from the oxidation. A wide margin example of this highly desirable map.

Detailed Condition: