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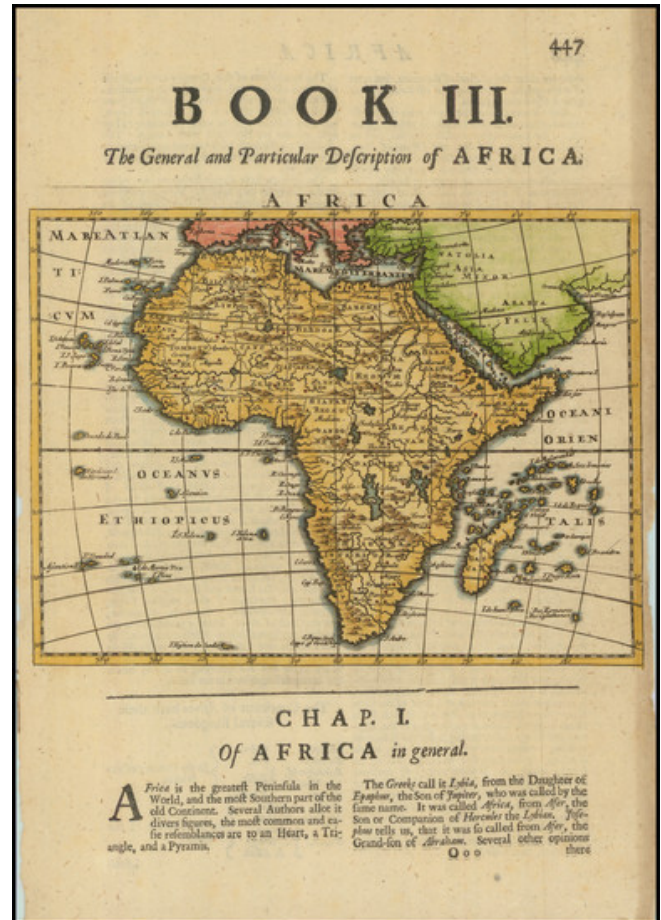
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Africa

Stock#: 95655
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1695
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 8 x 10 inches
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

Africa, engraved by Herman Moll and published in London in 1695, is a significant representation of the African continent drawn from Moll's renowned *Thesaurus Geographicus*. With a discernible influence from the traditional Blaeu 1617 folio map, Moll, in this publication, opted for conservativeness over adopting the more recent French cartographic innovations. This is the second map of Africa ascribed to Herman Moll, following his collaborative effort with Moore in 1681.

During the latter part of the 17th century, European cartography was undergoing an evolution, with French cartographers leading the way in introducing more contemporary and detailed depictions of various regions. Moll's decision to adhere to the Blaeu 1617 model, which by 1695 had become somewhat antiquated, was an intentional choice rooted perhaps in a reverence for traditionalist representations or skepticism towards more recent French designs.



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This map's significance and reliability are emphasized by its recurring appearances in subsequent editions and works by Moll, such as *A System of Geography* in 1701, *The Compleat Geographer* in multiple editions, and *Atlas Manuele* throughout the early 18th century. Although the map itself remained consistent, variations in textual content and page arrangements provide differentiation across editions.

Detailed Condition: