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18TH CENTURY NAUTICAL CHART ON MERCATOR'S PROJECTION

£1,600.00

An Essay of a New and Compact Map Containing the Known Parts of the Terrestrial Globe by N. Bellin Engineer of the Marine.

Cartographer	BELLIN, Jacques-Nicolas.
Date	1750
Stock #:	25151
Publication:	The Hague, Pieter de Hondt, c.1750. 520 x 700mm.
Condition:	Binding folds flattened.

DESCRIPTION:

A scarce Dutch edition of Bellin's influential mid-eighteenth century sea chart of the world on Mercator's Projection, engraved by Schley after Bellin's original, showing what was known twenty years before Cook's first circumnavigation. Australia and New Zealand are partial outlines; Jesso and Campanies Land appear above Japan; and north west America is lightly shaded to show a supposed coast, with a waterway from the Great Lakes almost to the Pacific Coast, a potential North West Passage.