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THE FAMOUS 'BEAVER MAP' OF THE BRITISH COLONIES IN AMERICA

£8,500.00

A New and Exact Map of the Dominions of the King of Great Britain on ye continent of North America. Containing Newfoundland, New Scotland, New England, New York, New Jersey, Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia and Carolina.

Cartographer MOLL, Herman.

Date 1731

Stock #: 25405

Publication: London: Thomas Bowles, John Bowles & John King, c.1731. Coloured. Two sheets conjoined, total 1005 x 605mm. **Condition:** Some restoration as usual with Moll's two-

sheet maps.

DESCRIPTION:

A large and decorative map of the Eastern Seaboard of America. It is the first large-scale map to show English developments in North America and the first to show the American postal route, Covering from James Bay, Lake Huron and Newfoundland south to Port Royal in South Carolina. It earned its nickname, 'the Beaver Map' for the large inset view of beavers building a dam with Niagara Falls in the background. Four other insets are a map of Carolina, Louisiana & Florida, a plan of Charleston, and a general map of eastern North America.

The dedication is to Colonel Walter Douglas (1670-1739, here 'Dowglass'), Captain-General and Governor-General of the Leeward Islands (1711-16) when the the map was first published. However he was found guilty of extorting £10,000 from the people of Antigua, He was fined £500 and sent to the King's Bench Prison for five years.