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PAIR OF 18TH CENTURY CELESTIAL CHARTS OF THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SKIES

£400.00

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Cartographer	THOMAS, Corbinianus.
Date	1730
Stock #:	21482
Publication:	Frankfurt, 1730. Original colour. Two plates, each 125 x 135mm.
Condition:	A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

The northern & southern celestial spheres, engraved by Johann Christoph Berndt for the celestial atlas 'Mercurii Philosophici Firmamentum Firmianum', named for Thomas's patron, Leopold Anton von Firmian, Archbishop of Salzburg.

Corbinianus Thomas (1694-1767), a Benedictine monk, was Professor of Mathematics and Theology at the University of Salzburg. His star atlas was first published in 1730 at Frankfurt, with a second edition at Augsburg the following year. He used an odd system for nomenclature: Bayer Greek letter for the star, Roman numeral for the magnitude and Arabic numeral for the star catalogue reference.



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