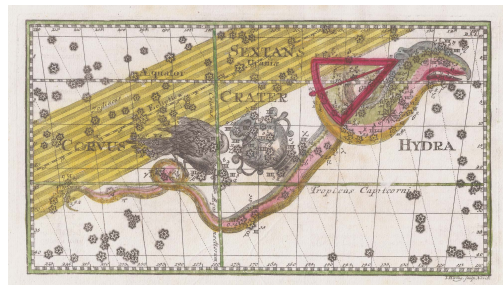




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## 18TH CENTURY ILLUSTRATION OF THE CONSTELLATION HYDRA

**£300.00**

Corvus. Sextans. Crater. Hydra.

<b>Cartographer</b>	THOMAS, Corbinianus.
<b>Date</b>	1730
<b>Stock #:</b>	21454
<b>Publication:</b>	Frankfurt, 1730. Fine original hand colour.
<b>Condition:</b>	Binding folds flattened.

### DESCRIPTION:

A chart of the constellation of Hydra personified as a sea serpent, also showing Sextans, Crater and Corvus, 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.