



18Th Century Illustration Of The Constellation Cepheus

£220

Additional Information

Dimensions	145 × 145 mm
Cartographer	THOMAS, Corbinianus.
Date	1730
Extra Info	Cepheus.
Publication	Frankfurt, 1730. Original colour. 145 x 145mm.
Condition	A good example.
References	KANAS: 7.7, 'beautiful illustrations'; WARNER, p.251.

Product Description

A chart of the constellation of Cepheus (named after Cepheus, King of Aethiopia in Greek mythology), 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: Greek letter for the star, Roman numeral for the magnitude and Arabic numeral for the star catalogue reference.