



18Th Century Illustration Of The Constellation Draco

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Additional Information

Cartographer	THOMAS, Corbinianus.
Date	1730
Extra Info	Draco.
Publication	Frankfurt, 1730. Original colour. 140 x 205mm.
Condition	Original binding fold flattened.
References	KANAS: 7.7, 'beautiful illustrations'; WARNER, p.251.

Product Description

The constellation Draco in fine hand colour. The plate was engraved by Johann Christoph Berndt for the celestial atlas 'Mercurii Philosphici 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.