



A striking wall map of the world at the end of the 18th century

BOWLES, Carington.

Bowles's New Four-Sheet Map of the World on Mercator's Projection Exhibiting the Several Quarters of the Globe divided into their respective Empires, Kingdoms, States, &c. agreeable to the latest Treaties and Political Regulations now existing; Together with All the New Discoveries and most interesting Tracks of those eminent Circumnavigators Cook, Byron, Bougainville &c. &c.

London: Bowles & Carver, c.1802. Original wash colour lightly refreshed. Four sheets conjoined, total 1020 x 1180mm.

£12,500

A large and rare map of the world, decorated with a title cartouche featuring a naval officer examining a chart and a midshipman using a sextant, and four compass roses. In the bottom corners are two text panels giving instructions on how to measure distances correctly on the map. The map was originally drawn up by Carington Bowles but does not seem to have been published before his death in 1793. This example, published by his son Henry Carington Bowles and Samuel Carver, has been updated with Vancouver's discoveries in Canada and the Bass Strait in Australia.



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