



A very rare wall map of Germany

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L'Empire d'Allemagne Dressée et Dédiée a Monseigneur le Dauphin Par N. de Fer Géographe de sa Majesté Catholique, et de Monseigneur le Dauphin. Corrigée et augmentée par Desnos 1770.

Paris: Louis-Charles Desnos, 1770. Original outline colour. Four sheets conjoined, total 990 x 1310mm.

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A highly-decorative map of Germany, engraved by Hendrick van Loon and first published c.1705. The map is held aloft by the two-headed Habsburg eagle, with its head poking above the map, its feet with sword and mace at the sides and its tail-feather with armorials of major cities underneath. The eagle holds in its beak a chain, on which are suspended medallion portraits of the Holy Roman Emperors from Charlemagne in 814 to Francis I and Maria Theresa. Underneath the map are two scenes of the coronation of the emperor at Frankfurt am Main in 1745. Although the title describes this wall map as being 'corrected and updated' by Desnos, little on the map has been changed since the second edition (Danet, 1723). Instead a newer map of Germany has been pasted in the lower left (with the original scale excised and pasted lower right). Another patch has been pasted over the crown between the eagles' heads; this covers the original portrait of Josef I (emperor 1705-11) and his successor Charles VI (added by Danet), replacing them with the five later monarchs. To the left the portrait of Josef's predecessor



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Leopold has been completely re-engraved. The dates of the two coronation scenes have also been updated from 1658.

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