



Uncommon star chart on a flat projection

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Sterre Kaert of Hemels Pleyn, Waer Door Men Kanwetehoelaet dat het is Overde Gehele Aertkloot, pp alle Meridiane en Polus Hoogte, en, Opwat Lengte en Brete de Voorsz Sterre Staen, Bezuyde en Benoorde de Liniaë Æquinoctiael.

Amsterdam: J.B. Elwe, 1792. Original colour. 475 x 585mm.

£1,600

A chart of the Northern and Southern skies on a flat projection similar in style to Mercator's Projection on a map of the Earth. The twelve signs of the Zodiac dominate the centre, with Virgo being split between the two sides. The plate has a long and convoluted history: originally published c.1684 by Johannes van Keulen (a namesake of the chart-maker), it was subsequently republished by de Ram (whose imprint is imperfectly erased outside the printed border at bottom), de la Feuille (who had married de Ram's widow), Ottens and finally Elwe, over a century later.

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