



Late 17th century map of the North Atlantic

CORONELLI, Vincenzo Maria.
 Mare del Nord.

Venice, 1691. Coloured. 455 x 610mm.

£1,250

A fine example of this beautifully-engraved chart of North Atlantic in Coronelli's unique style, Showing from Greenland, Iceland and the British Isles in the north, and Olinda, Sierra Leone and Ascension Island in the south, it covers the theatre of the Triangular Slave Trade. A large title cartouche with two mer-men covers the interior of North America, so the Great Lakes do not appear. Over Labrador is a text in which Coronelli claims that Labrador was discovered by his compatriot Antonio Zeno in 1390, a century before Columbus. As Zeno's 'Frisland' is not shown (despite Coronelli publishing a map of the mythical island with the nearby 'Frobisher's Strait' in Greenland) it is odd he still maintains the Zeno account as factual).

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