



The first English map of the continent of Australia

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A Complete Map of the Southern Continent. Survey'd by Capt. Abel Tasman & depicted by Order of the East India Company in Holland in the Stadt House in Amsterdam.

London, 1744. Coloured. 380 x 490mm.

£4,400

The first printed map of Australia by an Englishman, although derived from the map by Thevenot. Published in the second edition of John Harris' 'Complete Collection of Voyages and Travels'. Bowen has added the Tropic of Capricorn and two texts: the upper block emphasises that no assumptions have been made, so white space abounds between New Guinea and Carpentaria, and between the mainland, Tasmania and New Zealand; the lower text starts 'It is impossible to conceive a Country that promises fairer from its situation, than this of Terra Australis; no longer incognita, as this map demonstrates...!'

CLANCY: map 6.25, illus; PERRY: p.60, plate 69.

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