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THE BEST BRITISH MAPMAKERS OF THE LATE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

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Notes
A composite atlas, including maps by the best British mapmakers of the late eighteenth century, the majority by William Faden, three published by Henry Carington Bowles and Samuel Carver, and three by Robert Laurie and James Whittle (one in conjunction with Bowles & Carver). Most of the Faden maps have clearly been coloured by the same hand.

The atlas covers mainly western Europe and the Mediterranean. Interestingly, a map of Brunswick-Luneberg has been included. Before George I came to the British throne, the Hanoverian dynasty were electors of Brunswick-Luneberg, and continued to hold the title alongside the British crown. His new subjects were interested in his other territories, and the division of the monarch's time between the two was a topic of continual debate.

The non-European maps focus on British interests abroad. For example, there are three maps of India, but none of any other Asian country. The rule of the East India Company in Bengal began in 1757 and by the late eighteenth century had been extended to large chunks of eastern and southern India. There are three charts of America, including one showing the British territories and two of the Caribbean, highly disputed territory as France, Spain and Great Britain fought and redistributed the colonies of the New World.

William Faden (1750-1836) began his career in cartography after taking over the business of Thomas Jefferys, a highly respected British mapmaker. Initially publishing under the name Faden and Jefferys, he followed his predecessor by specialising in maps of North America, resulting in the publication of a collection of them in the 'North American Atlas' in 1777. Twice honoured by the Royal Society for his work, he became Geographer to the King in 1783, and was chosen in 1801 to create and print the first of the Ordnance survey maps.

The maps are:

1. Faden. Double-hemisphere map of the world, Eastern and Western hemispheres, printed from two plates dated 28th October, 1790 and 1st December 1790
2. Faden. Double-hemisphere map of the world, Northern and Southern hemispheres, printed from two plates dated 1st December 1790 and January 1st, 1790
3. [Faden]. Folding map of the world on Mercator's projection 'A General Chart, exhibiting the Discoveries made by Capt.n James Cook,…', undated, 2 sheets joined
4. Faden. Europe. July 1st, 1791
5. Bowles & Carver. Bowles's New One-Sheet Map of England & Wales, with the Addition of New Roads, and other Improvements; by Daniel Paterson. London: Bowles & Carver, 6th January 1797
6. Faden. North Britain or Scotland Divided into its Counties. Corrected from the best Surveys & Astronomical Observations by Tho.s Kitchin. December 1st, 1778
7. Taylor & Faden. A New Map of Ireland,… Alexander Taylor. Folding map. January 1st, 1793.
8. Faden. A Chart of the British Channel and the Bay of Biscay, with a Part of the North Sea, and the Entrance of St. George's Channel,… L'Abbe Diquemare… L.S. de la Rochette. September 17th, 1794. 3rd edition. Folding, 2 sheets joined.
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10. Faden. The North Sea with the Kattegat… L.S. de la Rochette. June 1796. Folding.
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15. Faden. France, Divided into Metropolitan Circles, Departments & Districts; as decreed by the National Assembly, Jan. 15th, 1790. October 1st, 1792
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17. Faden. Spain and Portugal; divided into their respective Kingdoms and Provinces. June 4th, 1796
18. Faden. Chorographical Map of the Kingdom of Portugal divided into its Grand Provinces. August 12th, 1797
19. Faden. A Chart of the Coasts of Spain and Portugal, with the Balearic Islands, and Part of the Coast of Barbary,… L.S. De la Rochette. June 28th, 1780
20. – 21. Faden. A Map of the Mediterranean Sea with the Adjacent Regions and Seas in Europe, Asia and Africa. March 1st, 1785. Folding, 4 sheets joined to make 2 maps
21. …
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25. Faden. Carte de L'Isle de Corse,… Carte de L'Isle de Sardaigne. N.d.
26. Faden. Nouvelle Carte de la Suisse. 1792. Folding
27. Faden. A New Map of the German Empire, and the Neighbouring States. June 24th, 1788. Folding
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