



Double-page engraved map.

## CONTROVERSIAL CONTENTION ON CIRCUMNAVIGATION

**A New and Accurate Map of the World: drawn from the best Authorities and regulated by astronomical observations: describing the course of each of the following circum-navigators vizt. Ferdinand Magellan Sr. Francis Drake, and Commodore Anson.**

### Author

BOWEN, Emanuel; and Thomas KITCHIN

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### Physical description

Double-page engraved map.

### Dimensions

345 by 587mm (13.5 by 23 inches).

### Notes

Published in the second edition of John Harris's 'Navigantium atque Itinerantium Bibliotheca. Or, a Complete Collection of Voyages and Travels', first published without Bowen's maps in 1705. The map shows the known world, but assumes an uninterrupted eastern coastline of Australia. A note

beneath the map states: "The Reader is desired to observe that Sir Francis Drake was the First Navigator who made the Circuit of the Globe: For tho' Magellan was First in that Design yet as he was unfortunately Killed at one of the Ladrone Islands, he cannot properly be intitled [sic] a Circumnavigator".

#### The mapmakers

Amongst Emanuel Bowen's first work were maps for George Willdey's 'Atlas of the World' (1717). There followed a period during which he engraved charts for some of the leading hydrographers of his day: Joseph Avery, Samuel Fearon and John Eyes, Nicholas Dobrée, and Murdoch Mackenzie. He also produced a prodigious number of maps for British periodicals. Significant maps that he subsequently published under his own name, include: 'A new and accurate map of South Wales ... delineated from an actual survey and admeasurement by Eman. Bowen', (1729), a large six-sheet map, sold by subscription, mostly to local wealthy landowners.

In the early 1730s, Bowen took on two apprentices, Thomas Kitchin and Thomas Jefferys, both of whom would become pre-eminent map makers in their own right. There followed some large-scale maps of Norfolk and Huntingdonshire, 'A new and accurate map of England and Wales' (1734), maps for John Harris's 'Navigantium atque itinerantium bibliotheca' (1744-8), as well as numerous atlases, including Bowen's 'Complete System of Geography' (1744-7), and 'Complete Atlas' (1752).

#### **Bibliography**

#### **Provenance**

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