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MOLL’S ATLAS OF SCOTLAND IN PLANO

Scotland delineated or Thirty Six New and correct Maps of North Britain

Author
MOLL, Herman

Publication date
1745.

Publisher
Sold by Thomas Bowles, John Bowles,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
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Dimensions

Notes
A fine example of Moll’s atlas of Scotland, bound in plano.

The commercial success of Moll’s atlas of England and Wales inevitably led to thoughts of a comparable volume on Scotland. Whilst Blaeu’s landmark atlas of 1654 had been a great success it was not only seventy years out of date but primarily something for the library, and it was therefore an appropriate time to publish a new and relatively portable work. Moll’s atlas comprised two general maps and thirty four of the shires of similar size to the English volume and was first published in 1725. A note on the reverse of the title-page drew attention to the contributions of Timothy Pont, Robert Gordon, and John Adair, whilst a further leaf of text contained a description “Of Scotland in General”.

The 1745 edition, of which there are very few copies extant outside Scotland, contained a revised title-page with the note “Of Scotland in General” on the verso, whilst the maps were unchanged impressions of the first edition.

Bibliography

Provenance

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