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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 Whilst Blaeu's landmark atlas of 1654 had been a great success it was not only seventy years out of date but primarily something for the library, and it was therefore an appropriate time to publish a new and relatively portable work.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**

**Price:** £2500

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