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“OWHYHEE WHERE CAPT. COOK WAS KILL’D”.

A New General Chart of the World. Exhibiting the Whole of the Discoveries made by the late Captain James Cook, F.R.S. with the Tracks of the Ships under his Command: Also those of Capn. Phipps (now Lord Mulgrave) in his Expedition to the North Pole.

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435 by 600mm. (17.25 by 23.5 inches).

Notes
An early map of the world, to show all three voyages made by Captain Cook (1768-1771, 1772-1775,

and 1776-1779), plotted in great detail. Also, the route of Captain Constantine John Phipps, later Baron Mulgrave, towards the North Pole, in 1773.

The mapmaker
William Faden (1750-1836), began his career as apprentice to a Fleet Street engraver in 1764, and in 1773 went into partnership with the heirs of engraver Thomas Jefferys. 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. When Faden decided to sell his printing plates for sea charts, many went to the Admiralty, and entered service as official Admiralty charts.

Faden was undoubtedly the leading London commercial mapmaker and publisher of his day, and very successful. In 1823, he retired, selling the business to James Wyld, in whose hands, and those of his heirs, the business remained among the first rank of map-publishers of the nineteenth century.

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