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SHOWING THE TRACK OF COOK'S 'ENDEAVOUR' VOYAGE

A Correct Globe with the new Discoveries. [and] A Correct Globe with ye New Constelations of Dr. Halley &c.

Author
[ANONYMOUS, after MOLL, Herman]

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Physical description
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Dimensions
Diameter: 70mm (2.75 inches).

Notes

Biography

A firm attribution for the maker of this globe has proven elusive. However, it is now recognised to have been at least designed after the work of the globemaker Herman Moll. Herman Moll (?1654-1732) moved to London from Germany or the Low Countries, sometime before 1678. His career in London would span some 60 years and see him move from a jobbing engraver to a successful publisher of maps and atlases. He was part of the intellectual circle that gathered at Jonathan's Coffee House, counting Robert Hooke, Daniel Defoe and Jonathan Swift amongst his acquaintance. Moll even provided a map for Defoe's work 'Robinson Crusoe' showing the track of Crusoe's supposed voyage, and is mentioned by Lemuel Gulliver in 'Gulliver's Travels'.

This globe was formerly attributed to George Adams Snr. on the basis that it appeared in one of his instruments. However, it also appears in the instruments of several other publishers, which makes this unlikely.

Geography

The tracks of Dampier's voyage have been partially erased and overlaid with the track of the first voyage of Captain James Cook (incorrectly dated "Cook's Track 1760"), and the geography of Australasia adjusted accordingly, including the labelling of Cook Strait. It also adds the label "North.n Ocean" to the North Pole, although this is a preference of the cartographer rather than any new information, as the area was still largely unexplored.

Astronomy

The celestial cartography lines the inside of the case, and the ecliptic is graduated and provided with the signs of the zodiac. The polar circles and tropics are drawn but not named. A magnitude table (1-6) sits below Ursa Major. The 48 Ptolemaic constellations are marked along with four non-Ptolemaic constellations. Only five of the 12 southern Plancian constellations are named, and Scutum is not labelled among the Hevelian constellations.

Bibliography

Dekker GLB0196; for Moll's globe see Dekker GLB0197; Lamb, Collins and Schmidt 5.4; Sumira 21; for reference see Worms and Baynton-Williams, pp.456-458.

Provenance

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