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Inselin's Jacobite map of the British Isles

INSELIN, Charles.
Carte des Royaumes d'Angleterre d'Ecosse et d'Irlande avec Les Costes Maritimes de France, Pais-Bas, d'Allemagne, Danmarck et Norwege, qui environment de Mer du Nord, ou sont marquez les Bancs et les Sondes &c. Dressée, sur plusiers cartes particulieres, memoires, et autres faites sur les lieux; par Operations Geometriques, Gravée et Dediée Au Roy D'Angleterre D'Ecosse et d'Irlande.

Paris: Bernard Jaillot, 1715. Coloured. Two sheets conjoined, total 635 x 840mm.

£2,200

A large and impressive map of the British Isles, with the coastline of Europe from Brittany and the Channel Islands east to Norway and Denmark, with the seas marked with rhumb lines. First published by Inselin c.1713, this separate-issue map was originally openly dedicated to James III, the Old Pretender, James Francis Edward Stuart. Born the year his father, James II, was forced into exile, he styled himself James III after his father's death in 1701. However for this edition of 1715 (the year of the First Jacobite Rebellion in Scotland, and the earliest state of the map that Shirley records) he had the dedication changed to the more neutral one used here, despite continued French support for the Stuart claim to the throne. The association of this map with the Jacobite cause continued: the next known reissue of the map was in 1745, the year of the Second Jacobite Rebellion, when French troops massed at Dunkirk ready to invade Essex in support and money and guns were sent to Scotland. A final edition was published in 1793, after

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the Jacobite movement was ended with the death of Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1788, when France was intending to invade Britain as part of the French Revolutionary Wars.

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