

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Physical Planisphere Wherein are Represented all the Known Lands and Seas with the Great Chains of Mountains which Traverse the Globe, from the North Pole

Date

1757

Primary Maker

Philippe Buache

Medium

Colour print on paper

Dimensions

Image: 320 x 294 mm Overall: 362 x 312 mm, 0.01 kg Sheet: 362 x 312 mm

Name

Map

History

Phillippe Buache was a gifted French cartographer apprenticed under Guillaume Delise and took over Delise's business after his death. He became geographer to the king in 1729 and entered the illustrious Academie des Sciences the following year. Buache became known as a leader in 'theoretical geography', a way to fill in the gaps in the unknown parts of the globe. Based on a combination of astronomy, information from mariners, explorers and traders, Buache produced maps based on deductions and hypothesis. The most well-known of these is known as the 'Buache Map' where he depicts Antarctica (as yet unexplored) as two separate islands uncovered by ice. Buache remains well known today as being the pioneer in the use of contour lines to express relief on maps.