



18TH CENTURY ILLUSTRATION OF THE CONSTELLATION ARGO NAVIS

£360.00

Argo Navis. Robur Carolinum.

Cartographer [THOMAS, Corbinianus.](#)

Date 1730

Stock #: 21453

Publication: Frankfurt, 1730. Fine original hand colour.
140 x 205mm.

Condition: Original binding fold flattened.

DESCRIPTION:

The constellations Argo Navis (Jason's ship, the Argo) & Robur Carolinum (the oak that Charles I hid in after the Battle of Worcester, 1651), in fine hand colour.

The plate was engraved by Johann Christoph Berndt for the celestial atlas 'Mercurii Philosphici Firmamentum Firmianum', named for Thomas's patron, Leopold Anton von Firmian, Archbishop of Salzburg.

Corbinianus Thomas (1694-1767), a Benedictine monk, was Professor of Mathematics and Theology at the University of Salzburg. His star atlas was first published in 1730 at Frankfurt, with a second edition at Augsburg the following year. He used an odd system for nomenclature: Bayer Greek letter for the star, Roman numeral for the magnitude and Arabic numeral for the star catalogue reference.