



An impressive three-sheet map of the Russian Empire

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Venice: Remondini, 1782. Coloured. Three sheets conjoined, total 650 x 1410mm.

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A fine large-scale map detailing the expanse of the Russian Empire under Catherine the Great, stretching from Poland to Kamchatka and the Aleutian Islands. There are three cartouches: the title is supported by embodiments of mapmaking and discovery; the scale has an obelisk with an 'E' crowned with laurels (the first letter of Catherine's name in Russian); and bottom right is a vignette of Catherine herself looking at a map of her conquests during the Russo-Turkish war (1768-74), aided by Mercury, a view of St. Petersburg behind. This map was first published in St. Petersburg in 1776.

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