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RARE MAP OF THE WEST COAST OF EUROPE

Nieuwe Groote en Curjeuse Gelyk Gradige Paskaart vant Westelykste deel der Zee Kusten van Europa, Streckende van Calais tot Hitland of Ysland, tot voorby t' Naauw van de Straat tot aan Cap Cantyn in Barbarie als mede de Carnarise en Vlaamse Eylanden, Vorders alle de Schotsche Eylanden, en Dangereuse lant van Bus, en Middaghtens Clip. Aldus Naukeurig opgesteld en int' ligt gebragt, dor den wel Edele Gestrengen Manhasten Heer de Heer Christoffel Middaghte Schout benaght vant' Ed. Mo. Colesie van Frieslant Residerende Binnen Harlingen.

Author

MIDDAGTEN, Christoffel [Rear Admiral]

Publication date

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Publisher

Johannes Loots,

Publication place

Amsterdam

Physical description

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Dimensions

620 by 1030mm (24.5 by 40.5 inches).

Notes

Rare separately issued chart of the West Coast of Europe.

The chart is by the Dutch Rear-Admiral Christoffel Middagten (?1659-1723). In 1705, after his retirement from the Navy, Middagten set about producing sea charts and several treatises on the art of navigation. He states in his work: 'Nieuw Bericht strekkende tot Verbeetering der Scheeps-Bouw...', Harlingen, 1717-1721, that he drew 13 charts of the Northern Navigation. These and eight other charts (Gernez mentions 21 charts by Middagten) were issued separately by Johannes Loots between 1706-1717. The charts were, however, not a commercial success as they 'were inferior to most of the Dutch charts at the time as they were not drawn with increasing latitudes apart from one' (Koeman).

All charts by Middagten are rare. The OCLC gives locations for only 11 of his charts, and we were unable to trace any institutional copy of the present chart.

Bibliography

Koeman IV p.422; D. Gernez, *Le libraire néerlandais Johannes Loots...*, *Communications de Marine de Belgique*, Tome VIII, 1954, p.23-71.

Provenance

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