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A Venetian edition of D'Anville's wall map of Africa

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Venice: Guiseppi Antonio Remondini, c.1780. Original outline colour. 4 sheets joined in pairs, sections 465 x 970mm & 505 x 970mm, total if joined c.990 x 970mm.

£1,400

A large map of Africa, detailed around the coasts but still showing the classical 'Mountains of the Moon' in the interior. The map is decorated with an allegorical figure of the continent wearing an elephant headdress and holding a lobster, another for the Nile, and a crocodile, camel, lion, a bird and a sphinx. From Paolo Santini's 'Atlas Universel', which was published from 1776 to 1784.

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