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America with those known parts in that unknowne worlde both people and manner of buildings described and enlarged by I.S. Ano 1626

Stock#: 43678
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1676
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative example of the 1676 edition of Speed's landmark map of America, the first atlas map to depict California as an Island and to accurately depict the East Coast of North America, from Speed's *Prospect of the Most Famous Parts of the World*.

The present example is from the collection of Glen McLaughlin, author of the book *The Mapping of California as an Island*, the definitive work on this subject. A letter certifying the map's provenance is available on request.

The map was engraved by Abraham Goos, who drew upon his own map of North America of 1624 and the 1625 Briggs, for his depiction of California. The Straits of Anian and hint of the Northwest Coastline, also appear. The mythical islands of Brasil and Frisland still appear in the North Atlantic. The Plymouth colony in Massachusetts and Jamestown colony in Virginia are both shown.

The vignettes on the sides depict the native costumes of Greenland, Virginia, Florida, Mexico, New England, Peru, Brazil, Mochan and Magellanica. The 8 views across the top represent town plans for the largest cities in the New World. The inset depicts Greenland and Iceland. No sign of the Great Lakes. A number of sea monsters and sailing ships also decorate the map.

Detailed Condition:

Minor restorations to the top and bottom margins, not affecting the printed image.