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Britain As It Was Devided in the tyme of the Englishe-Saxons especially during their Heptarchy

Stock#: 48239 Map Maker: Speed

Date: 1676 Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 20×15 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice full color example of Speed's map of Britain during the Saxon Heptarchy.

The left border depicts the earliest kings starting with Hengist of Kent from AD 456 and the right border shows the later kings and their process conversion to Christianity: Ethelbert is shown receiving religious instruction from St. Augustine and Sebert is shown reconsecrating the Roman Temples of Dianna and Apollo, now St. Pauls in London and St. Peters in Westminster. The Kings are represented with their armorial crests and other signs of their rule.

The map itself shows the various Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, each with its coat-of-arms. The map was engraved by Jodocus Hondius. The map also includes numerous crests and coats of arms throughout the map and an elaborate cartouche and compass rose. It is one of the most sought after and recognizable maps on Britain and was later revised and copied by Blaeu and Jansson.

Detailed Condition: