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## A New Mape of ye XVII Provinces of Low Germanie, Mended a New in Manie Places. Anno 1626.

**Stock#:** 59143mp2  
**Map Maker:** Speed  
**Date:** 1676  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 21 x 16 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,650.00



### Description:

A fine example of John Speed's highly decorative map of the Low Countries.

This attractive map embraces all of the 17 traditional provinces of the Netherlands, including the modern nations of the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. At the time, the Netherlands was engaged in the Eighty Years War (1568-1648), during which the independent Dutch Republic (comprising the northern provinces) was engaged in a long battle against Spain, who controlled the southern provinces.

The borders of the map are adorned with vignettes including views of the cities of Amsterdam, Antwerp, Ghent, Middelburg, Groeningen, Zutphen, Utrecht and Atrecht, as well as images of various inhabitants of the Low Countries in costume.

John Speed (1552-1629) was a towering figure in the history of British cartography. The present map is from Speed's *Prospect Of the Most Famous Parts of the World* (London, 1627), which was the first world atlas produced by an Englishman. Speed relied on the latest Dutch sources in composing the map.

### Detailed Condition:

Fold split, repaired on the verso.