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[World Atlas] Geography Anatomized: or, A Compleat Geographical Grammer. Being a Short and Exact Analysis of the whole Body of Modern Geography... To which is subjoin'd the present State of the European Plantations in the East and West Indies, with a Reasonable Proposal for the Propagation of the Blessed Gospel in all Pagan Countries.

Stock#: 85550
Map Maker: Morden / Gordon
Date: 1693
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 4 x 6 inches
Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

Scarce 17th Century English Pocket Atlas of the World

Robert Morden (c. 1650-1703) was an English bookseller and publisher who also achieved some note as a geographer and cartographer. The maps in this conveniently sized pocket atlas cover the world, with accompanying text descriptions.

Two sections of the text relate to America (pages 103-112; pages 180-198). The lengthy subtitle refers to an appendix that seems primarily concerned with missionary work in various parts of the world, including in America.

A brief separately headed section on Florida includes some interesting comments on the indigenous inhabitants there, as well as the flora and fauna:

The air of this country is said to be so extraordinary temperate, that (according to our latest accounts) the Inhabitants do live to a very considerable Age... The Flordins are Naturally White, but by anointing themselves with a certain Oyntment, they appear of an Olive-color... The Natives of this Country are gross Idolaters, commonly worshiping the Sun and Moon. They mightily respect their Priests (who are generally great Sorcerers) and call them by the name of Joanas.

18 maps total:



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1. A New Map of the World
2. Europe
3. Sweden & Norway
4. Moscovie or Russie
5. France
6. A New Map of Germany
7. The Spanish Provinces vulgo Flanders
8. Poland
9. A New Map of Hispania and Portugallia
10. Italia
11. Turkey in Europe
12. Scotiae
13. England
14. Wales
15. Ireland
16. Asia
17. Africa
18. America (missing from present example).

As noted above, the present example is lacking 1 map.

Rarity

Quite rare in the market. Only two complete copies have sold at auction in the last fifty years.

Provenance: Nathan:ai Kingston (signature on title page)

Detailed Condition:

18th-century paneled calf, rebacked with new spine, leather spine labels. Leaves age toned. Some moderate light foxing (mostly on text leaves). Lacking 1 map (America). Else good.