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The Kingdome of Great Britaine and Ireland

Stock#: 13965
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1614
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Highly decorative map of the British Isles, based upon Saxton's map of England and Wales, Hondius' map of Ireland and Mercator's map of Scotland. Speed's map is considered perhaps the best depictions of the British Isles of its time. Engraved by Jodocus Hondius, the map is a true work of art, combining great detail with artistic flourishes, including a compass rose, cherubs, ships, sea monsters, the Royal coats of arms, ancient coins showing Britannia and Cunobelin - the latter known to Shakespeare as Cymbeline - and striking early views of London and Edinburgh, reflecting the recent link between the two countries. The sea is engraved in the style made famous by Hondius and is best appreciated in the early states, before the effect is lost as delicate engraving of this type soon wore smooth. No river bridges are shown except those crossing the Thames. The map was re-issued many times in Speed's atlases and as a separate publication. English text on verso. Bearing the names Sudbury and Humble. A gorgeous example, with margins extended and a bit of neatline and upper left corner expertly reinstated.

Detailed Condition: