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A New Map of the English Empire in America viz Virginia New York MaryLand New Jarsey Carolina, New England Pennsylvania Newfoundland New France &c . . . 1719

Stock#: 27066
Map Maker: Senex
Date: 1719
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23.5 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Early map of the British Empire in North America west to the Mississippi River, one of the earliest obtainable English maps to focus on the whole of the region.

This map of the eastern part of North America features a prominent, entirely fictitious, mountain range extending from Michigan into Florida, connecting with the Appalachians along the way. The map is based on numerous Jesuit and French sources of information on the Great Lakes and Canada. The error was perpetuated on maps into the nineteenth century.

The English colonies are shown drawn on recent cartography such as the Hermann map of Virginia and Reed map of William Reed's manuscript map of New England, and the recent grants of Pennsylvania and West New Jersey.

The map is a close copy of the Morden & Browne map of the same name, issued in 1695, which is a great rarity on the market. The map includes a wonderful treatment of the Great Lakes, a fascinating transcontinental mountain range from Michigan to Florida, wonderful depiction of the Mississippi River and terrific detail in the British Colonies. Morden's map was an early example of English maps prepared to attack French claims to the lands in the interior parts of North America. Compiled during the War of the League of Augsburg, or King William's War (1689-97), Morden's original map showed the English extending westward, into the regions traditionally claimed by the French. In addition to the Midwest,



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much of Canada is shown as English. The English colonies along the Atlantic Seaboard are carefully delineated according to English sources, but Canada, the Mississippi Valley, and the Great Lakes are based on French sources, including the maps of Dablon (1672) and Thevenot (1681).

An inset map of Boston Harbor appears next to the title cartouche, based on Thomas Pound's *A New Mapp of New England from Cape Codd to Cape Sables* (1691).

Detailed Condition:

Remargined at top and left margins, with loss of image along the neatline, expertly repaired.