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England and Wales Drawn from the most accurate Surveys . . . By John Rocque

Stock#: 28145
Map Maker: Sayer
Date: 1780
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 38 x 45 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed 4 sheet map of England and Wales, by John Rocque, an immigrant Huguenot who worked in London from 1735 to 1762.

Little is known about the early life of Rocque, who worked as a surveyor, engraver and publisher, even though he is mentioned in nearly every major scholarly work on British maps of the period.

The map exemplifies the strong graphic presence of Rocque's signature topographic detail as well as an elaborate cartouche, here uncolored as issued. Rocque is recognized as an innovator of the British town plan and a master of large-scale cartographic style. The map of England and Wales was conceived during the high point of the map maker's career and seems to have been completed as a part of a series of four-sheet British Isles maps.

A wonderfully detailed four-sheet map with title contained within a large decorative allegorical cartouche depicting the artistic, scientific, and commercial accomplishments of the English. Abbeys and castles are duly noted. Small inset of the "Isles of Scilly." Tall ships sailing solo and as part of fleets decorate the seas



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around the islands.

Detailed Condition:

4-sheet map joined. A few minor marginal tears, but generally a fine example.