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Magnae Britanniae et Hiberniae Nova Descriptio

Stock#: 29808lh
Map Maker: De Wit
Date: 1658 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

First proof state of De Wit's very rare map of the British Isles.

De Wit's map is based on Jansson's map of the British Isles. This examples is the first of two proof states with the cartouche blank, as well as certain topographical features and place names lacking.

Shirley lists, but does not illustrate, the map in *Early Printed Maps of the British Isles* (#663) and again in *Printed Maps of the British Isles*. While Shirley suggests that the map is c1650, we believe it is closer to 1658 or 1659.

There were 3 subsequent states of the map. In the second state, a partial proof state, the cartouche is half-completed but undated. States 3 and 4 are complete, and each is dated 1659 in the cartouche.

Detailed Condition:

Fine original color. Trimmed at right and left margins, into the printed image. Narrow lower margin, with slight loss near centerfold. Minor soiling.