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A New Map of the English Empire in America, viz Virginia, Maryland, Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, New Iarsey, New England, Newfoundland, New France &c by Rob Morden . . . Sold by Robt. Morden at the Atlas in Cornhill. And by Christopher Brown at ye Globe near the Westend of St. Pauls

Stock#: 29966sk
Map Maker: Morden & Browne

Date: 1695
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 19.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare early map of eastern North America west to the Mississippi River, and 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 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 of the British Colonies. Morden's map was an early example of English maps that were 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



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westward, into the regions traditionally claimed by the French. In addition to the Midwest, much of Canada is shown as English. The English colonies along the Atlantic Seaboard are carefully delineated according to English sources; however, 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: