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### A Mapp or Generall Carte of the World...

**Stock#:** 3212  
**Map Maker:** Blome  
**Date:** 1671  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 21 x 16 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

One of the earliest obtainable English world maps. Blome's world map was prepared for a geography book published in 1669 or 1670. The world projection is based upon Sanson's world map, but is embellished with decorative features and a dedication to Charles II. The engraving work is probably attributable to Francis Lamb, although Shirley surmised that Wenceslaus Hollar or Thomas Burnford may also have been the engraver. California is shown as an island. A particularly unique early depiction of Australia. Richard Blome published the first folio atlas which was engraved and printed in England. It was published by subscription and all of the maps included dedication to various British nobility. In this instance, the map is dedicated to Charles II, then King of England. Blome's map breaks from the both the Dutch tradition of Baroque embellishment and the French style of sparse surroundings of the hemispheres, creating a unique combination of decorative embellishment and symbols of the British Empire, making it a visually unique and striking world map. Beach is prominently mentioned in Australia, a marvelous reference to the mythical lands reported by Marco Polo. Includes a number of other place names in Australia, including the Trial Rocks, Wilms and Jacobs R., Land of Concord 1615, F. Hotman's I, Edels 1619, Land of Lewn 1622, Pieter Nuyts Land 1627, S. Peter and S Francois. Partial New Zealand Coastline also shown. A fine example in nice colors. Shirley 455.

#### Detailed Condition: