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## The Kingdome of Great Britaine and Ireland (Latin edition in Old Color!)

**Stock#:** 40246  
**Map Maker:** Speed  
**Date:** 1616  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 20 x 15 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Extremely rare old color example of this decorative map of the British Isles, first published by John Speed in 1611.

The present example is from the rare Latin edition of 1616. Old color examples of Speed's maps are extremely rare, especially the early editions, for which old color is of the utmost rarity (the post-1676 editions being colored in outline on an infrequent basis).

Speed based his map upon Saxton's map of England and Wales, Hondius' map of Ireland and Mercator's map of Scotland.

Speed's map is considered the most decorative map of the British Isles to appear in a commercial atlas in the 17th Century. Engraved by Jodocus Hondius, the map is a true work of art, combining great detail with artistic flourishes, including a compass rose, cherubs, ships, sea monsters, the Royal coats of arms, ancient coins showing Britannia and Cunobelin - the latter known to Shakespeare as Cymbeline. Two views show London c.1600, with St Pauls and the Tower on the north bank and the Globe and the Bear-baiting ring on the South; and Edinburgh, showing the city under seige c.1544.

The sea is engraved in the style made famous by Hondius and is best appreciated in the early states, before the effect is lost, as delicate engraving of this type soon wore smooth. No river bridges are shown except those crossing the Thames.

An exceptional rarity. We surmise that the color is Dutch color, bearing a striking resemblance to the



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Hondius's color from this time period.

**Detailed Condition:**

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