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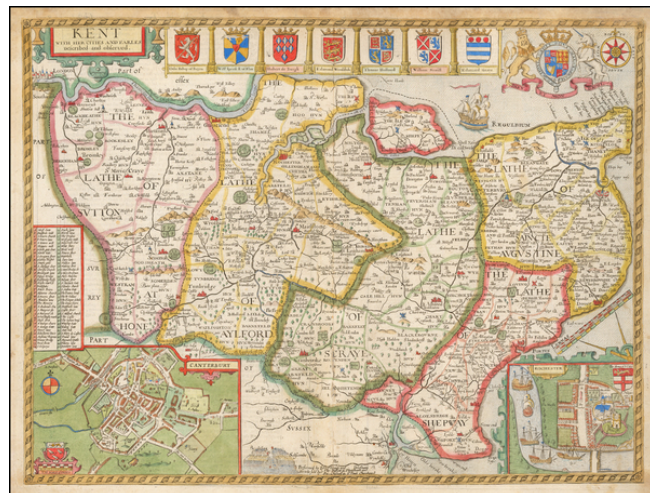
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## Kent with her Cities and Earles Described and observed

**Stock#:** 54703mp2  
**Map Maker:** Speed  
**Date:** 1676 circa  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 20 x 15 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Decorative map of Kent based on the work of Philip Symonson, from Speed's Atlas.

Insets of the cathedral cities of Canterbury and Rochester, and seven coats of arms.

Due to Kent's extensive coastline, and proximity to France and the Netherlands, it had unrivaled advantages for trade, thus making its defense of great importance. Dover Castle had long been at the center of the defenses, but most other castles in Kent were made redundant when a series of modern artillery forts like Deal and Walmer were constructed in the 1540's by Henry VIII. The adoption of other fleet-anchorage along the Thames and the Medway, and the establishment of dockyards at Deptford and Woolwich by Henry VIII, and at Chatham by Elizabeth I, turned Kent into the best-defended area in the kingdom throughout the Tudor and early Stuart periods.

### Detailed Condition:

Small expert repair to the bottom of the centerfold.