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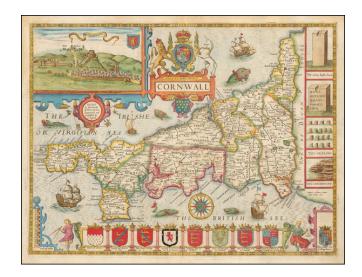
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Cornwall Described by the travills of John Norden augmented and published by I. Speed

Stock#:	54720mp2
Map Maker:	Speed

Date:1676Place:LondonColor:Hand ColoredCondition:VG+Size:20 x 14.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice full color example of Speed's decorative map of Cornwall, from Speed's Theatre of Great Britain.

Includes birdseye view of Launceston, sea monsters, compass rose, sailing ships and 8 of coats of arms.

Engraved by Jodocus Hondius in Amsterdam in 1610, this is one of the most famous and decorative of all English county maps. Because of Cornwall's long and thin dimensions, Hondius had a great deal of sea area to use, which he filled with an inset view of Launceston, a large title cartouche with the Royal Arms, four local antiquities, eight coats of arms and several galleons and sea-monsters.

Speed relied on the work of John Norden rather than Saxton's map, for his source for this map. Norden (1548-c.1625), also planned a complete county atlas, but he never acquired the patronage essential for such a long-term enterprise. His finances failed after surveying only eight counties, but his work was innovative (popularizing the use in England of a grid system with marginal letters and numbers) and with such good quality eying that Speed preferred to use Norden's maps rather that Saxton's as source material.

Detailed Condition: