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A New Map of the most Considerable Plantations of the English In America Dedicated to His Highness William Duke of Glocester.

Stock#: 57486mp2
Map Maker: Wells

Date: 1700
Place: Oxford
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 14.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

A fine map of the British Colonies in North America at the beginning of the 1700s, with insets of Bermuda, Barbados, the Carolinas, Jamaica and Nova Scotia.

Edward Wells (1667-1727) was a mathematician and geography professor at Oxford. He prepared this map as part of an atlas, *A New Sett of Maps Both of Antient and Present Geography* (Oxford, 1700), dedicated to the Duke of Glocester, the heir-apparent to the British throne, who was then attending school in Oxford.

Wells's maps were highly regarded in their time. On the present map, while the New England maintains a relatively simple appearance, it is one of the earliest obtainable folio size English language maps of New England and the northeast and is increasingly difficult to obtain.

The map includes dozens of placenames from Main to the Chesapeake and reflects contemporary scholarship and England's heightened interest in the colonies, following conquest of the region from the Dutch during the 17th Century.

Detailed Condition: