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Novissima et Accuratissima Totius Americae Descriptio per Johanem Ogiluium Cosmographum Regium

Stock#: 58207
Map Maker: Ogilby
Date: 1671
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 17.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of John Ogilby's decorative map of the America and the Pacific, including New Zealand.

Engraved by Francis Lamb, Ogilby's map of America is one of the earliest maps of the American Continent to have been engraved and printed in London and the first London published map to follow the Visscher-De Wit model, which became the standard "Dutch" map of America in the later part of the Golden Age of Dutch Cartography.

The map shows California as an Island on the first Sanson Projection, but omits the Great Lakes (following Visscher's map), a curious northeasterly coastline north of the Island of California and misprojected South America, with tribal vignettes in Brazil. The map predates La Salle's information on the interior of North America, but includes excellent detail in Canada and the East Coast of North America, noting the Dutch Possessions, the Iroquois regions, N. Anglia, New Amsterdam, the Cheaspeake, Plymouth, and many Indian Place names.

Ogilby's map is based upon Nicholas Visscher's map of 1658 (Burden 332), in that it includes the coastline New Zealand and the early Sanson model for California, and only shows one of the Great Lakes, which is updated from Visscher's edition. Visscher in turn drew his information from Joan Blaeu's wall map of the World, published in 1648. The map departs in a number of ways from the Visscher, most notably the anglicizing of many of the names and includes P. Sr. F Drake on the California Coastline. Boston, N. London and Milford are shown for the first time in this series of maps and New Amsterdam is re-named



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New York. The nomenclature on the east coast is also largely English, including New England, Maryland, Virginia and Carolina, along with a number of English River names.

This is also the first appearance of the name Hilton Head on a printed map.

This map appeared in John Ogilby's seminal work on America, entitled *America: Being the Latest, and Most Accurate Description of the New World*, published in London in 1671. Ogilby's work is an English translation of Arnoldus Montanus' *Die Nieuwe en onbekende Weereld...*, published in Amerstdam, although greatly expanded in some instances and with new maps and views.

The title cartouche includes a dedication to Anthony Ashley and a coat of arms. There are two states of the map, one of which is not referenced in Burden or McLaughlin. Burden illustrates the example with 4 sections in the escutcheon below the crown. The other state has only 2 sections.

Detailed Condition:

Narrow margins, as issued. Minor foxing. Repaired fold split at lower right.