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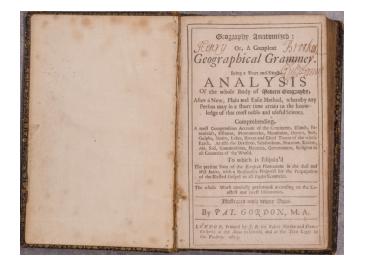
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Geography Anatomized: or, A Compleat Geographical Grammer. Being a Short and Exact Analysis of the whole Body of Modern Geography... To which is subjoin'd the present State of the European Plantations in the East and West Indies, with a Reasonable Proposal for the Propagation of the Blessed Gospel in all Pagan Countries.

Stock#:69209Map Maker:Morden / Gordon

Date:	1693
Place:	London
Color:	Hand Colored
<b>Condition:</b>	VG+
Size:	$4 \ge 6$ inches
Price:	\$ 4,500.00



### **Description:**

### Scarce Pocket Atlas with 18 Miniature Maps

#### In a Nice Restoration Era Binding

Robert Morden (c. 1650-1703) was an English bookseller and publisher who also achieved some note as a geographer and cartographer. The maps in this conveniently sized pocket atlas all exhibit very nice contemporary outline color.

Both the world map and the map of America show California as an island. While Glen McLaughlin's *the Mapping of California as an Island* notes several other maps by Morden (maps from Morden's *Geography rectified* and his *Atlas terrestris*), the present pocket atlas is not cited therein.

Two sections of the text relate to America (pages 103-112; pages 180-198). The lengthy subtitle refers to an appendix that seems primarily concerned with missionary work in various parts of the world, including in America.

A brief separately headed section on Florida includes some interesting comments on the indigenous inhabitants there, as well as the flora and fauna:



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The air of this country is said to be so extraordinary temporate, that (according to our latest accounts) the Inhabitants do live to a very considerable Age... The Flordins are Naturally White, but by anointing themselves with a certain Oyntment, they appear of an Olive-color.. The Natives of this Country are gross Idolaters, commonly worshiping the Sun and Moon. They mightily respect their Priests (who are generally great Sorcerers) and call them by the name of Joanas.

### 18 maps total:

- 1. A New Map of the World
- 2. Europe
- 3. Sweden & Norway
- 4. Moscovie or Russie
- 5. France
- 6. A New Map of Germany
- 7. The Spanish Provinces vulgo Flanders
- 8. Poland
- 9. A New Map of Hispania and Portugallia
- 10. Italia
- 11. Turky in Europe
- 12. Scotiae
- 13. England
- 14. Wales
- 15. Ireland
- 16. Asia
- 17. Africa
- 18. America

### **Rarity:**

Quite rare in the market. Only two complete copies have sold at auction in the last fifty years.

### **Detailed Condition:**

Small quarto (but 12mo in size). Contemporary gilt paneled English sheep, with elegant gilt "grapes" device in each corner of front and back covers. Spine gilt, all edges gilt. Hinges, corners and to a lesser



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degree the spine expertly restored. Marbled endpapers. xvi, 208 pages plus 18 double-page miniature engraved maps by Robert Morden with original outline hand-color. Complete. Some foxing (mostly affecting text pages). Ex-Syracuse Public Library, with their neat book label on back pastedown endpaper, and their perforation stamp on several leaves (but not the maps). Early ink ownership inscription of Henry Brooke or Henry Brookes on title page, possibly the noted Irish author Henry Brooke (c. 1703-1783), remembered for his novel, The Fool of Quality (1765-1770), and numerous other literary works, including plays.