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Anglia Scotia et Hibernia

Stock#: 76209mp2
Map Maker: Metellus

Date: 1598
Place: Cologne
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 8.6 x 7.6 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Sixteenth-Century Map of the British Isles

Fine, scarce map of the British Isles by Jean Matal. The humanist scholar turned to mapmaking later in life; all of his atlases and maps are seldom seen on the market.

The map features England, Scotland, the Hebrides, and the Orkneys. Ireland (*Hibernia*) is to the west, with a bit of northern France and *Hollant* to the east.

The lands are peppered with place names, many of which are still familiar today: London, Plymouth, *Aberystwith* (Aberystwyth), *Limerik* (Limerick), and *Amsterdant* (Amsterdam), to name but a few.

A stylized shield cartouche proclaims the title, and a small sailing vessel approaches the east coast of England.

Cologne School

This work is from the so-called Cologne School of mapmaking, the members of which made a concerted, though largely unsuccessful, attempt to supplant Antwerp (and to a lesser extent Amsterdam) as a mapmaking hub in the 1590s and first decades of the seventeenth century. Cologne's role as a mapmaking center was boosted by Dutch and Flemish refugees fleeing persecution and war, just as that of Amsterdam was boosted by those leaving Spanish-controlled Antwerp after 1588.

Issue and rarity



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The map first appeared in 1596; this example was issued in 1598 as part of a geographic description of Europe's Christian Kingdoms.

This is the first time we have handled this map. It is quite rare on the market and in institutional collections.

Detailed Condition: