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A General Mapp of the Kingdom of Spaine . . . 1669

Stock#: 45978
Map Maker: Blome
Date: 1670
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Early English Map of Spain & Portugal

Richard Blome's scarce map of the Iberian Peninsula, the earliest folio sized map of the region to be engraved in England.

While Speed's atlas was published prior to Blome, the plates were engraved and printed in Amsterdam. The map demonstrates the naïve engraving style characteristic of 17th Century English engravers, and features an elaborate heraldic cartouche and a dedication to Edward Montague, Earl of Sandwich, Master of the Wardrobe and General of his Majesties Navy.

Blome's maps, because of their rarity and importance in the history of English Cartography, are essential items for regional collectors. Blome first began engraving maps for his *Geographical Description Of The Four Parts Of The World* in 1667. The completed volume was in small folio, and contained 24 maps (plus one duplicated), engraved by Francis Lamb, Thomas Burnford and Wenceslas Hollar. Blome's principal handicap in the production of the atlas was the lack of a domestic mapmaking environment comparable with that in Europe. Also, to finance his work, he undertook subscribers, in exchange for a promise to add their coat of arms to certain maps. In later editions, if the renewal fee was not paid, Blome added a different subscribers coat of arms, leading to multiple images on various editions of the same map.

Detailed Condition:

Printer's crease. Some soiling at centerfold and elsewhere.