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A New and Accurat Map of the World Drawne according to ye truest Descriptions latest Discoveries & best observations yt have beene made by English or Strangers. 1626.

Stock#: 0159
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1627
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A striking example of first state of Speed's map of the world (Shirley 317). The map is based upon Grent's rare map of the world. This is one of the earliest attainable world maps printed in English. The map shows California as and Island, an unusual NW Coast of America, conjectural Magellanica or The Southerne Unknowne Land and extraordinary early detail throughout the map. It is surrounded by smaller celestial hemispheres, figural representations of Water, Earthe, Aire and Fire, a number of celestial phenomena & portraits of early explorers. Includes several lengthy notes on the South Pole & Straits of Magellan. A virtually flawless example with excellent margins and none of the usual centerfold problems. The coloring may be early color, although early color examples of Speed's World map are highly unusual. The best example of the first edition of this map that we have seen.

Detailed Condition: