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Carte Generale des Royaume D'Angleterre Escosse et Irlande Avecq les Isles circonuoyssines Conues toutes Soubs le nom Britaniques . . . 1640

Stock#: 1040hh
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1650
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

First edition of Sanson's map of the British Isles, engraved by Melchior Tavernier.

Nice example of Sanson's first map of the British Isles. The distortion of Ireland and the condensed size of Scotland is, in part, caused by the projection used by Sanson. This map was much copied by other French publishers around the 1645 and also by Richard Blome (in London) in 1669. Blome's map was engraved by Francis Lamb and - unusually for Blome - acknowledged its source as being Sanson.

Nicolas Sanson (1600-67) was an influential cartographer who is described by many authorities as the founder of the French School of Geography. In his early days he was tutor to Louis XIII and after his death in 1667 the business was continued by his three sons, Nicolas, Adrian and Guillaume. Later, his grandson, Pierre Moulard-Sanson and then his nephew, Gilles Robert de Vaugondy, continued the firm until the end of the eighteenth century.

Detailed Condition:

Margins restored and extended at the bottom