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A New Description of Carolina.

Stock#: 1839
Map Maker: Speed

Date: 1676
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

John Speed's version of the famous Lords Proprietors' Map of Carolina, based upon Charles II grant to 8 of his supporters of all the lands between Virginia & Florida (overlooking the fact he did not own the land). Speed's map is drawn from the account an of John Lederer, a young German explorer who had crossed the Blue Ridge Mtns in hopes of seeing the Pacific Ocean. Lederer introduced numerous geographical myths, including a description of Piedmont NC as being under water for for part of the year, a massive interior lake and an arid region he named the Arenosa Desert. Speed's map and the text on the verso were the first to give extensive credit to Lederer & contributed to the survival of these myths for nearly 100 years. Cumming 77. A nice example, with a bit of toning.

Detailed Condition: