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Carolina

Stock#: 20089
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1676
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 5 x 3.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

John Speed's small format version of Ogilby's 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 of John Lederer, a young German explorer who had crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains in hopes of seeing the Pacific Ocean. Lederer introduced numerous geographical myths, including a description of Piedmont, North Carolina as being under water for part of the year, a massive interior lake and an arid region he named the Arenosa Desert. Speed's map was the first to give extensive credit to Lederer and contributed to the survival of these myths for nearly 100 years.

The map is one of the earliest maps to depict Charleston. Burden notes that the map mislocates Charleston (Charles T) on the north bank of the Ashley River. By contrast, Ogilby's map did not name Charleston and Speed's larger format map of Carolina correctly places Charleston on the south bank of the Ashley River. The most significant difference between the larger edition of the map and this edition is the larger map's omission of the Ashley and Cooper Rivers and the smaller map's inclusion of the Erucio River, which is not shown on the larger format map. Burden notes that this map was likely drawn directly from Ogilby's edition of the Lord Proprietor's map and therefore precedes Speed's larger format version of the map.

While the large Speed map of Carolina appears on the market with some frequency, this miniature edition of the map has become quite scarce, with the last example appearing at auction being Old World Auctions: Sale 120 - July 18, 2007, Lot 220 (\$1,008).



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Detailed Condition:

A few pencil marks in the margins, including an old price (\$27.50!).