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A New Mapp of America Devided According To the Best and Latest Observations wherein are described ye Proper Names of the Severall Countries that Belong to ye English . . .

Stock#: 2182
Map Maker: Lea & Overton



Date: 1686 circa
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD

Description:

Rare English map of America, which includes the earliest appearance of Philadelphia on a printed map.

Rare map of America by Lea & Overton, first issued in 1684. This is a map which owing to its scarcity has been largely overlooked and mis-catalogued by Tooley and McLaughlin. With thanks to the fine scholarship of Henry Taliaferro in his description of the Custin Atlas at Colonial Williamsburg, we now know that this map was offered for sale as early as 1684 and that in all probability, there are two states of the map, the later of the two adding an advertisement for maps of Africa, Asia and Europe, which are bound into the Custin Atlas but did not appear in Overton's 1684 catalogue of maps.

This is the earliest appearance of Philadelphia on a map. As noted by Taliaferro, because of the changing politics in England, the dedication to Henry Duke of Beaufort makes it highly unlikely that the map was published after 1689. The map is richly embellished with numerous sailing ships, coats of arms and two marvelous cartouches. The map appeared at the height of the initial boom in English interest in its New Colonies and reflects the addition of English nomenclature throughout the new British Colonies.

Detailed Condition:

A nice wide margined example. Several modest repairs in the oceans, not affecting the printed image and a bit of discoloration along the fold, but a in all a very good wide margined example of this remarkable rarity.