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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#: 22703
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1627
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the first edition of Speed's double hemisphere map of the World, bearing the name George Humble.

Speed's map is based upon Grent's extremely rare map of the world published in London and on Jodocus Hondius' map of 1617, which most notably contributes the allegorical representations of Water, Fire, Land and Earth. The map is one of the earliest attainable world maps printed in English. The map shows California as an Island, an unusual Northwest 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.

Unlike most of Speed's maps, the map was likely not prepared by Speed, but was in fact the work of the publisher George Humble, whose name also appears on the first edition of the map. Shirley noted that the style is consistent with the work of Abraham Goos, who engraved several other maps for Speed's *Prospect of the most Famous Parts of the World*. This first edition was used until the *Prospect* was re-issued by Humble's son William and the date changed to 1651.

Detailed Condition:

Minor marginal restorations and reinforcement at centerfold.