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## A Chart of the South Sea By John Seller Hydrographer to the King's Most Excellent Majestie [1st English Map of the Pacific Ocean]

**Stock#:** 2478  
**Map Maker:** Seller  
**Date:** 1675  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 21 x 17 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Rare first edition of the first English map of the Pacific Ocean. California is shown as an island. Abel Tasman's discovery of States Land (New Zealand) in 1642 is noted, with 9 place names including 3 Kings Island, Sand Hills and Steep Point noted. To the West, Anthony Van Diemen's Land is shown with 8 place names. Japan, The Land of Eso and Companies Land are shown, as are the Ladrones and a projection of Nova Guinea which foretells its being shown as attached to Austraila. The islands discovered by Hernand Galego in 1576 appear, as do many other islands in the South Pacific. Nice detail along the west Coast, from Fretum Anian to the Straits of Magellan. San Diego, P. Sir Francis Drake, Santa Barbara, Catalina, Mendocino and Monte Rey are all named. The Gulf Coast, and the Southeastern US are also shown, extending to Port Royal and naming C May, C Francis, Augustin B, Florida, B. Tompa (Tampa) and B. Joseph, etc. While Seller was known to have based some of his work on Goos, this map appears to loosely derive from Jansson's map of 1650, although many features (California, Companies Land, Tierra Del Fuego) are substantially updated and revised, and Jansson had no coverage of the Gulf Coast or East Coast, making the map unique in its coverage. No listing in a dealer or auction catalogue in the past 25 years. Full original color, uniform toning, w/ minor loss in upper corners, just touching image, but a nice example of this rare map. McLaughlin 58; Wagner 410, Tooley 39, Leighly 66.

### Detailed Condition: