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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#: 33324
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1626
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

First edition of Speed's double hemisphere map of the World.

Speed's map is based upon Grent's extremely rare map of the world published in London. The map is one of the earliest attainable world maps printed in English.

The map shows California as and Island, an unusual NW 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.

Speed's map of the World is one of the most recognizable and sought after world maps among collectors.

Detailed Condition:

Loss of image at top left and right and a few spots along the top neat line, expertly repaired and restored. Similar restoration at the bottom right corner.