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Mappa Aestivarum Insularum Alias Barmudas...

Stock#: 37351
Map Maker: Ogilby
Date: 1671
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A fine 17th Century map of Bermuda, by John Ogilby, one of the leading figures in English Restoration cartography.

This beautifully-composed and detailed map shows Bermuda divided into the domains of the various 'tribes', the names given to the various private proprietors of the island, who originally received royal patents from King James I in the early 17th Century. The island's capital, St. George's, is located in the far right of the map, and various forts, parish churches and roads are labelled throughout the chart. The placement of crosses in the coastal waters identify the dangerous reefs which surround Bermuda. A finely engraved title cartouche features putti and maritime creatures.

Bermuda was first settled in 1609, when Sir George Sommers and a party of colonists arrived aboard the *Sea Venture*, on an expedition sponsored by the Virginia Company. Richard Norwood was commissioned to carry out the first survey of the islands in 1616. His meticulous and exceedingly accurate chain survey had the distinction of being the first survey of any English colony. Amazingly, at the age of 72, Norwood re-surveyed Bermuda in 1662. The present map is based on Norwood's surveys, as are all other important 17th Century maps, including those by John Speed (1627), Willem Blaeu (1630), and the sea chart by Arent Roggeveen (1675).

John Ogilby (1600-76) was the "Cosmographer and Geographic Printer" to Charles II, and one of the leading lights of the great flourishing of English cartography that occurred during the Restoration Era. This map is from Ogilby's *Ameirca* (London, 1671) a commercially-successful description of the Americas,



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Detailed Condition: