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A Map of the Province of Carolina Divided into its Parishes &c According to the latest Accounts. 1730

Stock#: 40304
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1730
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare large format map of the Carolinas, from S. Maria Island in the south to Cape Charles in the north, with a large inset showing the area from Edisto Island in the south to the Santee River in the north.

The map is extremely detailed for the period, locating dozens of towns, Indian villages, rivers, forts and other places of note. There are English Corporations and Indian Villages noted in the interior, along with the delineation of several important roads, counties and annotations.

The genesis of the map is quite interesting. The main image is a significantly enlarged and improved version of Hermann Moll's map of the Carolinas, which appeared in Moll's *Atlas Minor* and several other publications over about a 30 year period. The size of this map was about 7 x 6 inches. The inset map showing "ye most improved part of Carolina," is a reduced size version of the inset map which appears on Moll's "Beaver Map." In all, the map is a completely unique work, apparently made specifically for David Humphrey's book on Propagation of the Gospel in the British Colonies in America.

The map appeared in David Humphreys's *An Historical Account of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. Containing their Foundation, Proceedings, and the Success of their Missionaries in the British Colonies, to the Year 1728*. The work contains a number of interesting contemporary reports from the Colonies, including accounts of Yamasee and Tuscarora wars in the



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Carolinas, the New York slave insurrections of 1712, the Four Indian Kings who traveled to England, and a 1715, New York edition of a Mohawk prayer book. In general, Humphreys documented the inevitable trials of attempting to convert and educate a strong aboriginal populace. As noted by Decker, the book

Deals entirely with America, compiled from papers sent to the Society by the Governors of the Colonies. This work details accounts of the travels, hardships and adventures of missionaries sent to New York City, Westchester Country, Albany, Staten Island, Pennsylvania, the Carolinas. There is also some account of the Iroquois and their leaders; of the people and churches of Boston, Rhode Island, Narragansett, Newbury,

The maps in Humphrey's book rarely appear on the market. Only 1 damaged example of this map is noted by AMPR as having appeared in a dealer catalog or at auction in nearly 30 years and this is the first time we have ever seen the map offered for sale separately. While the book's theme relates to missionary travels among the Indians of the British Colonies, the map is among the most detailed single sheet English maps of the region in the first half of the 18th Century and comes prior to the issuance of most of the multi-sheet English regional maps of the British Colonies.

Detailed Condition:

Minor repair at center fold intersection. Margins extended.