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[Popple Key Sheet] A Map of the British Empire in America with the French, Spanish and the Dutch Settlements adjacent thereto by Henry. Popple . . .

Stock#: 42679
Map Maker: Covens & Mortier / Popple
Date: 1733 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Gorgeous example of the scarce Covens & Mortier example of Henry Popple's Key Sheet.

Henry Popple worked with the Board of Trade & Plantations in 1727, during a period when boundary disputes in the colonies began to accelerate the need for detailed maps. In 1730, the Board began requesting detailed maps of the entirety of the provinces and contiguous French and Spanish Dominions. Popple issued an announcement for the map in 1731, but did not complete work until 1733. The map was not a commercial success and did not sell well until after William Henry Toms and Samuel Harding took over publication in 1739. With the outbreak of the War of Jenkin's Ear, the map saw its commercial successes soar. In 1746, the rights to the map passed to Willdey and Austen, who published it until Austen's death in 1750.

This is the Covens & Mortier edition of Popple's Key Sheet, based upon the first edition of Popple's key sheet, with no place names appearing between Havana and C.S. Antonio, as identified by Babinski.

The map includes 4 views (New York Harbour, Québec, México City and Niagara Falls) and 17 Harbour Plans. The cartographic significance of Popple's map is the subject matter of a number of books and articles. In short, it is the most important map of the Colonies to date and an essential map for collectors.



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Detailed Condition:

Old color, recently refreshed.