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A New Mapp of America Septentrionale . . . 1669 [California shown as an island]

Stock#: 45425
Map Maker: Blome
Date: 1669
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 16.6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

***First Edition of the First Folio Sized Map of North America Published in Great Britain --
Dedication to Lord Calvert, Baron Baltimore***

Fine old color example of the Blome's increasing rare map of North America, the second earliest map of the continent published in England, after Briggs' landmark map, and the first true folio sized map.

This is an early edition, with the original dedication to Caecilius Calvert Baron Baltimore.

Blome's map of North America is the first English map to depict all five Great Lakes and introduces some significant cartographic advances. Newfoundland is improved with the depiction of the Avalon Peninsula. The Mid Atlantic region is significantly improved--with Maryland prominently named, reflecting importance of this region to the map's patron, Lord Baltimore. This is also one of the earliest appearances of the name New Yorke, with New Amsterdam erased immediately below it. There is a curious mountain range in Florida. Pre-dates the naming of the Carolina Colony.

The map is richly embellished with animals, sea monsters and sailing ships, along with a lone Indian. The significant cartographic Anglocentric corrections in this map have received little attention, although the map is much scarcer than contemporary French and Dutch maps.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color