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A New Map of the most Considerable Plantations of the English In America Dedicated to His Highness William Duke of Gloucester

Stock#: 4741
Map Maker: Wells
Date: 1700
Place: Oxford
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Interesting map of the British Colonies in North America at the beginning of the 1700s, with insets of Bermuda, Barbados, the Carolinas, Jamaica and Nova Scotia. Edward Wells was a mathematician and geography professor at Oxford. He prepared this map as part of an atlas dedicated to the Duke of Gloucester, who was then attending school in Oxford. The maps were highly regarded at the time for their accuracy. While the New England map has a relatively simple appearance about it, it is one of the earliest obtainable folio size English language maps of New England and the Northeast and is increasingly difficult to obtain. The map includes dozens of placenames from Maine to the Chesapeake and reflects contemporary scholarship and England's heightened interest in the colonies, following conquest of the region from the Dutch during the 17th Century. A nice example with unusually wide margins.

Detailed Condition: