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**A New and Accurat Map of the World Drawne according to ye truest Descriptions  
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1626.**

**Stock#:** 60964  
**Map Maker:** Speed  
**Date:** 1627  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 20.5 x 15.5 inches  
**Price:** \$13,500.00



**Description:**

***First Edition of John Speed's Antique Map of the World***

Nice example of Speed's double hemisphere map of the World, one of the earliest obtainable world maps published in England.

Speed's map is based upon Grent's extremely rare map of the world published in London. The map is one of the earliest attainable world maps printed in English. The map shows California as an island, an unusual NW Coast of America, conjectural Magellanica or The Southerne Unknowne Land, and extraordinary early detail throughout the map. It is surrounded by smaller celestial hemispheres, figural representations of Water, Earth, Air and Fire, a number of celestial phenomena and portraits of early explorers. Includes several lengthy notes on the South Pole and Straits of Magellan.

The present example is the first state of the map, which would be re-issued by other publishers until at least 1676. The different states of the map can be identified by the name of the publisher (here George Humble) and date on the map, which was revised in 1646 and 1651.

**Detailed Condition:**

Minor tear just to the right of the words "The South Hemisphere," near the centerfold. Top margin added.