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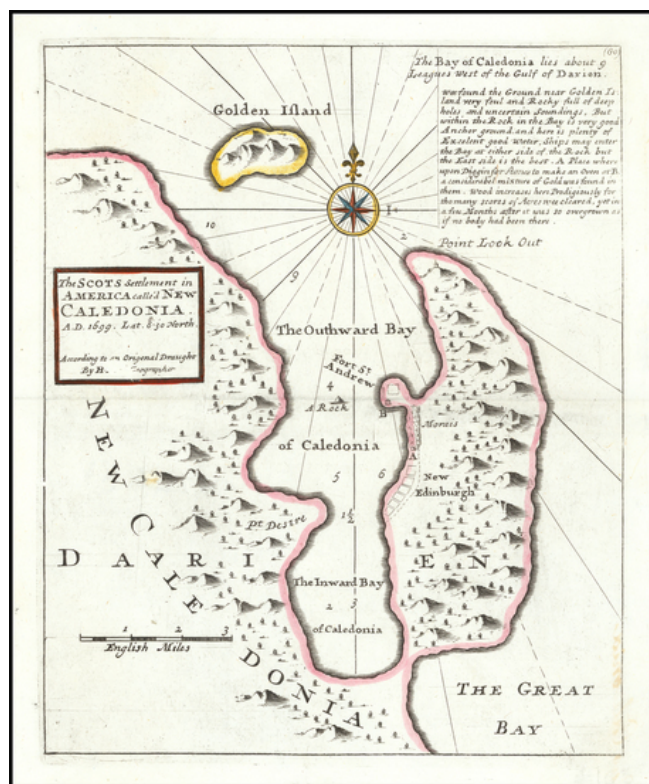
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Stock#: 63160
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1729
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 8 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Interesting map depicting the site of the short-lived Scottish colony of New Edinburgh.

In 1698, William Paterson, Scottish Governor and founder of the Bank of England, proposed a plan to create a colony in modern day Panama. The Company of Scotland was formed as a means of exploiting the economic benefits of the colony. Funds were raised and in November 1698, and three ships with 1,200 colonists arrived at Darien and started construction of the colony.

The region was re-named New Caledonia. William Hacke, an English Thames School chartmaker, produced several promotional manuscript maps of the colony, several copies which survive today. Herman Moll in turn engraved and printed an edition of the map, which is copied here in a reduced format..

Unfortunately, disease and attacks from Spanish galleons doomed the colony to failure, and within 9 months the remaining colonists returned home. Intended to boost Scotland's failing economy, the colonial fiasco bankrupted the country and Scotland, to sign the Act of Union in 1707, creating the United Kingdom.



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