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The Roads of ye South Part of Great Britain, Called England and Wales. Containing all ye Cities, Market Towns, Post Towns, Boroughs: And whatever Places have ye Election of Members of Parliament &c.

Stock#: 67490
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1732 circa
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: Good
Size: 12 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

"Note. This Map has been Copied four times very confused and Scandalously."

An antique example of Thomas and John Bowles edition of Herman Moll's small road map of England and Wales. The detail is extensive, with many smaller market towns and minor crossroads shown. The map is subdivided by historic counties, which makes for interesting comparisons to modern maps. London is split between Surrey, Kent, Essex, and "Midsex." Yorkshire is massive, though the three ridings are noted. The map shows England and Wales in full, with parts of Scotland, France, and Ireland around the edges.

There is an attractive dedicatory cartouche in the lower-left corner stating, "To His Royal Highness [sic] Frederick Prince of Wales." A chart in the upper left lists each county by size, along with their area, length, and breadth. An extensive legend is provided, and the distances along roads are even included, though not always very accurately.

The map includes an interesting note regarding plagiarism in mid-18th century English mapmaking stating that the map had been subject to four unauthorized copies. Plagiarism at the time was a topic of debate between printers and retailers, with the first copyright act published in 1710 under Queen Anne. Enforcement was non-existent at first, and it would take until the end of the century for modern statutes to



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Detailed Condition:

Old color. Uneven toning around folds and some rectangular structures. Edges of folds strengthened with tape.