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Magnae Britanniae et Hiberniae Tabula Die Britannischen Insulen

Stock#: 68222
Map Maker: Merian
Date: 1636
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A striking example of Merian's map of the British Isles, showing England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, and Ireland. Part of Flanders and the Netherlands are visible, and a curious inset shows the Orkneys. This inset refers to Mainland by the name Pomona, the result of mid-16th century mistranslation of Solinus. The rest of the map is very detailed, showing all the important features which define the landscape of the Isles. The map includes a large cartouche, ships sailing, a compass rose, and the coat of arms of the United Kingdom.

Ireland is divided into its four provinces, Leinster, Munster, Ulster and Connacht. The many Loughs of this glacier scarred landscape are exaggerated, and the island nearly resembles an archipelago. The lochs of Scotland receive a similar treatment, with Loch Ness and Loch Lochy connected to the ocean. The Inner and Outer Hebrides are all shown, though their shapes are distorted. England retains a generally accurate composition, though some curiosities do remain. The fenlands are crisscrossed with rivers, reflecting their undrained nature. Historic counties are hinted at, though not always correctly.

Detailed Condition:

Some very minor toning along top.