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[Atlas] A Prospect of the Most Famous Parts of the World [with] The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britaine: Presenting An Exact Geography of the Kingdomes of England, Scotland, Ireland and the Iles adioyning: With The Shires, Hundreds, Cities and Shire-townes, within ye Kingdome of England, divided and described by John Speed.

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Description:

"These two Speed atlases are considered the most important English language atlases of the 17th century." - David Rumsey (12058)

Beautiful example of the John Dawson and George Humble 1631 edition of John Speed's greatest works, his atlas of the world, *A Prospect of the Most Famous Parts of the World*, combined with his atlas of the British Isles, *The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britaine*.

This is the second combination edition of the atlases; Speed's *Prospect* was first issued in 1627 by George Humble, shortly before Speed's death in 1629. The *Theatre* was first published in 1612.

This edition of the world atlas includes 22 double-page engraved maps. The *Theatre* includes 67 double-page engraved maps of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland as well as their constituent counties.

Provenance

Ink ownership inscription "Edward Wallis 1791" on title.

Contents

A Prospect of the Most Famous Parts of the World includes the following maps:



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1. A New and Accurat Map of the World Drawne according to ye truest Descriptions latest Discoveries & best Observations yt have beene made by English or Strangers.
2. Asia with the Islands adioyning described, the atire of the people, & Townes of importance all of them newly augmented by I. S.
3. Africae, described the manners of their Habits, and buildinge: newly done into English by I.S.
4. Europ, and the cheife-Cities containd therin, described: with the habits of most Kingdoms now in use.
5. America with those known parts in that unknowne worlde both people and manner of buildings Discribed and enlarged
6. Ελλάς | Greece
7. A New Mappe of the Romane Empire newly described by John Speede
8. A. Newe Mape of Germany Newly Augmented by John Speed.
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19. the Kingdome of China newly augmented by I.S.
20. A Newe Mape of Tartary augmented by John Speede and are to be sold in pops head Alley by George Humble.
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The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britaine includes the following maps:

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5. Sussex
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