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A New Description of Carolina

Stock#: 73483
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1676
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important early map of the Carolinas, engraved by Francis Lamb for the 1676 edition of Speed's *A Prospect . . . of the World*.

The map is Speed's edition of the famous Lords Proprietors' Map of Carolina, based upon Charles II's grant to 8 of his supporters of all the lands between Virginia and Florida (overlooking the fact he did not own the land).

Speed's map is drawn from the account of John Lederer, a young German explorer who had crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains in hopes of seeing the Pacific Ocean. Lederer introduced numerous geographical myths, including a description of Piedmont NC as being under water for part of the year, a massive interior lake, and an arid region he named the Arenosa Desert. Speed's map and the text on the verso were the first to give extensive credit to Lederer and contributed to the survival of these myths for nearly 100 years.

Detailed Condition: