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The Kingdome of England





Description:

Rare Old Color Example! First State, First Plate.

Striking old color example of John Speed's map of England, with costumed figures, a compass rose and a detailed table of the Shires of England.

Originally drawn from the map of Christopher Saxton, this is the first of Speed's two maps entitled "The Kingdome of England," having been engraved by Jodocus Hondius. The second plate was engraved by Abraham Goos and published starting in 1630.

The map appeared in John Speed's *The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britaine*.

Plates and States

The map is known in two plates, and each plate in several states. This example is identifiable as plate 1, state 1 because of the Sudbury and Humble imprint

<u>Rarity</u>

Speed's maps virtually never appear in early color, making this an exceptional find.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor toning. Minor restoration at lower centerfold and a few minor wormholes at lower right



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