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Magnae Britanniae et Hiberniae Tabula

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Map Maker: Merian
Date: 1636
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14 x 10.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of Matthaus 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: