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A New Map of Ancient Gaul or Gallia Transalpina. Shewing the Divisions therof by Augustus Ceasar together with its principal People Cities, Townse, Rivers, Mountains, &c.

Stock#: 77520
Map Maker: Wells
Date: 1700
Place: Oxford
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 14.5 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

From An Atlas Designed To Educate A Future King of England

This fantastic map of France shows the country as it was in the time of Caesar, when it was then divided into the various subregions of "Gallia." This fascinating object shows an 18th-century English look back at Roman times.

The four provinces of "Gallia" are shown, including Narbonis, Aquitania, Lugdunensis, and Belgi. These subdivisions reflect the historical acquisitions of Roman territory, starting in the region around Marseille and expanding outwards. Aquitania was the next region conquered, before the northern regions.

Towns no longer extant or of notable size are shown with arrows. An inset in the upper left shows the pre-conquest division as described by Caesar.

The map includes a decorative title cartouche and the royal coat of arms. A compass rose and scale bar also appear, following mid-18th century English decorative tendencies.

This map was part of an atlas dedicated to the young William, Duke of Gloucester, who was then attending school in Oxford. Edward Wells was then a fellow at Christchurch College, and he intended this work to be used as a pedagogical tool for his students, among whom was William. Following Edward's death at age 11 in 1700, the atlas was published until 1738, retaining its original dedication.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor fold toning and staining. Very minor repaired loss in centerfold.