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Provinces d'West, autrefois Royaume d'Westsex, ou sont Aujourd'hui les Comtés Hantshire, et l'Isle de Wight, Barcksh. Devon-sh. et Cornwall-sh., & c... 1654

Stock#: 79604
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1690
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Sanson's double-page engraved map of Cornwall, Devon, the Isle of Wight, and southern Wales. Showing the geopolitical boundaries of the southwestern-most part of Great Britain, the map includes detail on rivers, cities, topographies, and forests. This copperplate was originally engraved by Nicolas Sanson, one of the most prolific French engravers of his time, during the mid-17th century and later printed in circa 1690.

The map shows the Kingdom of Wessex, apparently during the period immediately following the Heptarchy, in or around the 8th or 9th century. At the time, Wessex had finally concurred the Celtic kingdom of Dumnonia that occupied Cornwall, as shown on this map, and started its eastwards expansion. The Kingdom of Wessex would eventually become associated with the Kingdom of Mercia, and become the last Anglo-Saxon rulers of all of England.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline. Minor vertical centerfold toning.