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A New Mapp of America Septentrionale . . . [California shown as an island / First Carolina State]

Stock#: 84424
Map Maker: Blome
Date: 1682
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 21.5 x 15 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Rare "Carolina" Edition of the First Folio Sized Map of North America Published in Great Britain -- Dedication to Anthony Ashley Cooper, First Earl of Shaftesbury

Finely colored example of the Blome's increasing rare map of North America, the second earliest map of the continent published in England, after Briggs' landmark map, and the first true folio sized map.

As discussed below, this is the rare "Carolina" edition, with revised cartographic details and dedications reflecting a new focus on the Province of Carolina.

Blome's map of North America is the first English map to depict all five Great Lakes and introduces some significant cartographic advances. Newfoundland is improved with the depiction of the Avalon Peninsula. The Mid Atlantic region is significantly improved--with Maryland prominently named, reflecting importance of this region to the map's patron, Lord Baltimore. This is also one of the earliest appearances of the name New Yorke, with New Amsterdam erased immediately below it. There is a curious mountain range in Florida. Pre-dates the naming of the Carolina Colony.

The map is richly embellished with animals, sea monsters and sailing ships, along with a lone Indian. The significant cartographic Anglocentric corrections in this map have received little attention, although the map is much scarcer than contemporary French and Dutch maps.

First issued in 1668, the present example has been significantly revised from the earlier states, with significant updates relating to the Carolina Province, which is named in this state for the first time. This is



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also the first state to include the Ashley River and Charles Town.

Anthony Ashley Cooper, First Earl of Shaftesbury

Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1st Earl of Shaftesbury (1621-1683) was a prominent English politician during the Interregnum and the reign of King Charles II. A founder of the Whig party, he was also the patron of John Locke.

During the English Interregnum, he served on the English Council of State under Oliver Cromwell, although he opposed Cromwell's attempt to rule without Parliament during the Rule of the Major-Generals. He also opposed the religious extremism of the Fifth Monarchists during Barebone's Parliament.

He served as Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1661-1672. He was created Earl of Shaftesbury in 1672. During this period, John Locke entered his household.

Ashley took an interest in colonial ventures and was one of the Lords Proprietor of the Province of Carolina. In 1669, Ashley and Locke collaborated in writing the Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina.

States of the Map / Rarity

According to Burden, there are 6 states of the map, identifiable as follows:

- First (Proof?) State: dated 1668, with dedication to Caecilius Calvert Baron Baltimore
- Second State): dated 1669.
- Third State (circa 1682): date erased and dedication changed the Earle of Shaftesbury. Carolina is named.
- Fourth State (1682): The name Weapemeoc is changed to Albemarle. The Trinity and Jordan Rivers are displaced by the addition of Charles Towne and the Ashley R.
- Fifth State (1683): Dedication with 8 family lines now listed, rather than 2 in the prior state. Virginia-Carolina Border move north above Albemarle.
- Sixth State (1693): Paste down dedication to Jeffery Jefferys of the Priory of Brecknock pasted over the dedication in State 5.

Detailed Condition: