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A New Mapp of Europe . . . 1669

Stock#: 85467
Map Maker: Blome
Date: 1669
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 15.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

Finely Colored Example of Richard Blome's Map of Europe

Nice example of Blome's scarce map of Europe, the earliest folio size map of Europe to be engraved and printed in England.

The map demonstrates the naïve engraving style characteristic of 17th Century English engravers, and features an elaborate heraldic cartouche and a dedication to Prince James, Duke of Yorke & Albany, Marquesse Ormonde Earle of Ross and High Admiral of England. Includes many sailing ships and sea monsters.

Blome's maps, because of their rarity and importance in the history of English Cartography, are essential items for regional collectors. Blome first began engraving maps for his Geographical Description Of The Four Parts Of The World in 1667. The completed volume was in small folio, and contained 24 maps (plus one duplicated), engraved by Francis Lamb, Thomas Burnford and Wenceslas Hollar. Blome's principal handicap in the production of the atlas was the lack of a domestic mapmaking environment comparable with that in Europe. Also, to finance his work, he undertook subscribers, in exchange for a promise to add their coat of arms to certain maps. In later editions, if the renewal fee was not paid, Blome added a different subscribers coat of arms, leading to multiple images on various editions of the same map.

Detailed Condition:

Minor printer's creases.