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Britain As It Was Devided in the tyme of the Englishe-Saxons especially during their Heptarchy

Stock#: 8939
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1616 (1676)
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Beautiful full color example of Speed's map of Britain during the Saxon Heptarchy. The left border depicts the earliest kings starting with Hengist of Kent from AD 456 and the right border shows the later kings and their process conversion to Christianity: Ethelbert is shown receiving religious instruction from St. Augustine and Sebert is shown reconsecrating the Roman Temples of Dianna and Apollo, now St. Pauls in London and St. Peters in Westminster. The Kings are represented with their armorial crests and other signs of their rule. The map itself shows the various Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, each with its coat-of-arms. The map was engraved by Jodocus Hondius. The map also includes numerous crests and coats of arms throughout the map and an elaborate cartouche and compass rose. It is one of the most sought after and recognizable maps on Britain and was later revised and copied by Blaeu and Jansson. The present exmple has full wide margins and is in near fine condition.

Detailed Condition: