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America with those known parts in that unknowne worlde both people and manner of buildings described and enlarged by I.S. Ano 1626

Stock#: 90021
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1676
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice full color example of the first edition of Speed's landmark map of America, the first atlas map to depict California as an Island and to accurately depict the East Coast of North America.

The map was engraved by Abraham Goos, who drew upon his own map of North America of 1624 and the 1625 Briggs for his depiction of California. The Straits of Anian and hint of the Northwest Coastline also appear. The mythical islands of Brasil and Frisland still appear in the North Atlantic. The Plymouth colony in Massachusetts and Jamestown colony in Virginia are both shown. The first state pre-dates the addition of Boston and Long Island.

The vignettes on the sides depict the native costumes of Greenland, Virginia, Florida, Mexico, New Englande, Peru, Brazil, Mochan and Magellanica. The 8 views across the top represent town plans for the largest cities in the New World. The inset depicts Greenland and Iceland. No sign of the Great Lakes. A number of sea monsters and sailing ships also decorate the map. A nice example in full color, with wide margins and only a bit of soiling in the margins.

From the 1626-27 edition of Speed's *Prospect of the Most Famous Parts of the World*.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling.