



Vrients's scarce map of England, Wales & Ireland

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Angliae et Hiberniae Accurata Descriptio... 1605.

Antwerp: Plantin, 1609 or 1612, Latin text edition. Coloured. 435 x 570mm.

£4,250

A most decorative map, showing England, Wales & Ireland, issued in only eight posthumous editions of Ortelius' atlas, with a royal family tree, armorials and vignettes including Neptune on a sea-horse. This example is from the second state, with the controversial description of James I as king of France removed. As this map only appears in the later editions of the Theatrum it is comparatively rare: Van den Broecke estimates that only about 1,250 were printed. Shirley notes that because the map is larger than the standard Ortelius maps it is 'often found with damage to the margins'.

SHIRLEY: 323 & 275 for main description, 'an exceptionally fine map'.

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