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An early map of roads from London to Rye

OGILBY, John.

The Road from London to Rye in Com. Sussex...

London, c.1675. Coloured. 330 x 445mm.

£380

The complete route, via New Cross, Lewisham, Bromley & Tunbridge. Rye was still on the coast, before the harbour silted up. Plate 31 from Ogilby's 'Britannia', the first road atlas of England & Wales, first published in 1675. It was only after his work that roads started being shown on county maps. The route is shown on scroll-like strips, with a decorative title cartouche featuring putti with surveyor's tools including a chain and pair of compasses.

Second state, with plate number bottom right.

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