



Sea chart of south Devon from the first English sea-atlas

COLLINS, Greenville.

[South Devon] To the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Baron Herbert of Sherland &c. Premier Commiss.r for Executing the Office of L.d High Admirall of England &c, And one of their Ma.ties most Honourable Privy Council This is most humbly Dedicated & presented by Cap.t Greenville Collins.

London: c.1693. Coloured. 460 x 580mm.

£750

An untitled chart of the south coast of Devon from Newton Ferrers ('Ferry') to Exmouth, with Dartmouth, Brixham and Paignton. Orientated with north to the right, the chart is dominated by an elaborate cartouche around the dedication featuring allegorical figures of Justice and Prudence guarding a scene of William III's landing at Brixham in 1688, at the beginning of the Glorious Revolution. The chart was engraved by John Harris for Collins' 'Great Britain's Coasting Pilot, being a New Survey of the Sea Coast', the first English sea-atlas based on personal survey. Undertaken on the orders of Charles II, Collins started his survey in 1681, a task that lasted seven years. The complete atlas was finally completed in 1693, and was so popular that editions were released, with only occasional revisions, until 1792. The quality of the impression suggests this is an early example.



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