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The frontispiece from an Elizabethan edition of Camden's 'Britannia'

ROGERS, William.
Britannia.

London: George Bishop, 1600. Sheet 180 x 135mm.

£450

A map of England, Wales, Scotland and eastern Ireland, in an oval supported by Neptune and Ceres, with vignettes of Britannia sitting on a rock, a ship, St Paul's Cathedral, and Stonehenge and the Roman Baths. On the map London and York are marked, but most of the other names are tribes. This frontispiece was one of three maps engraved by William Rogers (c.1545-c.1604) for the 1600 edition of William Camden's 'Britannia', the fifth edition of the work, yet the first to contain maps. It was not until 1607 that a full suite of county maps was included, alongside a larger version of this map, engraved by William Hole. A very fine impression.

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