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A Dutch map of the British Isles, celebrating the Glorious Revolution

ALLARD, Carel.
Accuratissima Angliae Scotiae Et Hiberniae Tab, De N.vo in lucem edita à Carolo Allard.

Amsterdam, Allard, c.1690. Fine original colour. 510 x 590mm.

£1,200

A large separate-issue map of the British Isles, published shortly after the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688 brought William of Orange and his wife, Mary Stuart, to the thrones of England as joint monarchs William III and Mary II. The top right is filled with a title cartouche with martial trophies and their medallion portraits. Top left another cartouche features allegorical figures of the Four Continents holding up a globe and the armorials of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. This is an example of the first state. After the death of Mary in 1694 the map became obsolete, so the plate underwent extensive re-engraving: the title was changed and the title cartouche was replaced with one with the Royal Arms and cherubs; the other cartouche was replaced with an inset of the Orkneys; and Ireland was completely redrawn to follow Petty's survey. The third state simply has Covens & Mortier's names replacing Allard's.

SHIRLEY: British Isles 1650-1750, Allard 4, state 1, states 1 & 2 illustrated.

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