



Sea chart of the Wirral from the first English sea-atlas

COLLINS, Greenville.

A New & Exact Survey of the River Dee or Chester-Water, is most humbly Dedicated and Presented to his most Sacred Maj.ti William the III King of Great Britain Fran.ae & Ireland by Cap.t G. Collins Hydrog.ph to the King.

London: c.1693. Coloured. 450 x 580mm.

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A sea chart of the Wirral Peninsula with the Rivers Dee and Mersey, marking Chester and Liverpool, as well as the coast of Flintshire with Holywell. Orientated with north to the bottom of the map, the elaborate title cartouche features figures representing agriculture and mining and a scene of St Asaph in a boat. The chart was published in 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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