



A souvenir flag for an abandoned coronation

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Coronation King Edward VIII.

n.d., 1836. Colour-printed map on cotton, sheet 220 x 325mm.

£325

A souvenir Union flag superimposed with a map of the world showing the British Empire in red and a portrait of Edward VIII in the upper cusp. The flag was intended to be waved at the coronation of Edward, eldest son of George V who had died in January 1936. However Edward's intention to marry Wallis Simpson, a twice-divorced American, caused him to abdicate in December, before his coronation ceremony could be held. Stitch holes and creasing on the left edge show this example had been attached to a stick ready for waving: possibly the stick was recycled for the May coronation of George VI, father of our present queen.

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