



Speed's maps of the Channel Islands, Farne and Holy Island

SPEED, John.  
 Holy Iland; Farne; Garnsey; Jarsay.

London: Roger Rea. Coloured. 380 x 510mm.

£750

Four maps on one sheet, engraved by Jodocus Hondius for John Speed's county atlas, 'The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britaine' On the reverse is an English letterpress text describing each island. This example comes from the Roger Rea issue, which was beset with disaster: according to an advert for the 1676 Bassett & Chiswell edition, "the greatest part of an Impression, then newly Printed, [was] destroyed by the late dreadful Fire, 1666". Surviving examples of any Rea map are thus rare.

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