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FIRST ENGLISH MAP TO FOCUS ON AUSTRALIA

New Guinea, New Britain, and New Holland, etc.

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Physical description

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Dimensions

128 by 179mm (5 by 7 inches).

Notes

A neat little map depicting Australia as "New Holland", and the first in English to focus on the new continent, showing the results of Abel Tasman's second voyage of 1644. Some names from Cartensz's discoveries in Cape York in 1623 are shown, but some are misrepresented (e.g. R.Coen becomes "Caron R."). Other Dutch discoveries include those of Hartog, Nuyts and de Witt. Moll has recorded the discoveries of Dampier at Shark Bay as well as the strait between New Guinea and

New Britain. Published in volume III of Moll's 'Atlas Geographus' (1712), as the lower half of a single plate, beneath a map of Japan.

Bibliography

Literature: Tooley, 'The Mapping of Australia', 908.

Provenance

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