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KEY SHEET TO THE FIRST LARGE SCALE PRINTED MAP TO SHOW THE THIRTEEN COLONIES

A Map of the British Empire in America with the French and Spanish settlements adjacent thereto By Hen. Popple.

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Engraved map, fine original full wash colour.

Dimensions
(plate mark) 540 by 510mm(21.25 by 20 inches); sheet size 730 by 545mm (28.75 by 21.5 inches).

Notes
Key sheet to the first large scale printed map to show the thirteen colonies.

The key sheet is a faithful and accurate reduction on to one sheet of Popple's great 20 sheet work. The map is divided into 20 sections, with the numerals to the upper left denoting the sheet number.

Popple's 20 sheet Map of the British Empire in America is one of the two most important large format maps of North America published in the eighteenth century. Along with John Mitchell's Map of the British & French Dominions in North America… (1755), the map was a profound statement of England's designs for dominance of the North American continent; at a time when colonial control of North America was by no means certain.

The present key sheet accords with Babinski's state five of the map with the imprint of Stephen Austen and Thomas Willdey, and dated circa 1746.

Bibliography

Babinski, state 5; Babinski, M., 'Henry Popple's 1733' map (New Jersey, 1998); Brown, 'Early Maps of the Ohio Valley 14'; cf. Cumming, 'The Southeast in Early Maps', 216, 217; Pritchard, M., 'Degrees of Latitude', 24, state 4 (but with engraved number to sheet 1); McSherry Fowble, E., 'Two Centuries of Prints in America 1680-1880' (1987), 6, 7; cf. Goss, J. 'The Mapping of North America' (1990) 55 (key map only); Graff 3322; Howes P481, "b"; Lowery 337 & 338; McCorkle, 'America Emergent' 21; Phillips Maps p.569; Sabin 64140; Schwartz & Ehrenberg p.151; Streeter Sale 676; Stephenson & McKee Virginia in Maps, map II-18A-B.

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