



THE FIRST PRINTED MAP OF GEORGIA

A New Map of Georgia, with Part of Carolina, Florida and Louisiana. Drawn from Original Draughts, assisted by the most approved Maps and Charts. Collected by Emanuel Bowen Geographer to his Majesty.

Cartographer	BOWEN, Emanuel.
Date	1748
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Publication:	London, 1748. 370 x 480mm.
Condition:	A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

The first map of Georgia, published only fifteen years after the colony's foundation by James Oglethorpe on February 12th 1733. It shows Charleston west to the Mississippi, and south to New Orleans and Cape Canaveral in Florida, marking the lands of the tribes both friendly and hostile and known trails. The borders of the province with Florida and Louisiana are purposefully vague (the 'G' of Georgia is west of Mississippi) as there had been no negotiation with the Spanish. Indeed, such was the expectation of war that Oglethorpe originally banned slavery as a security risk.

The map was published in the 1748 edition of John Harris' 'Navigantium atque Itinerantium Bibliotheca, or Complete Collection of Voyages and Travels', which contained a new chapter dedicated to Georgia, for which this map was engraved. As this was the official account of the colony, Bowen had access to the maps made by the colonists themselves.