



CLASSIC CARTE-À-FIGURE MAP OF THE NETHERLANDS & BELGIUM

A New Mape of Ye XVII Provinces of Low Germanie, mended a new in manie places. by J. Speed. Anno 1654.

Cartographer	SPEED, John.
Date	1665
Stock #:	23992
Publication:	London: Roger Rea & Son, 1665. Coloured. 410 x 525mm.
Condition:	Some restoration in bottom edge, with mss. fill to the printed border, narrow margins.

DESCRIPTION:

A superb map of the Netherlands and Belgium, orientated with north to the right, published in John Speed's 'Prospect of the Most Famous Parts of the World', the first English atlas of the World, first issued 1627. It is decorated with ten costume vignettes down the sides and eight city prospects, including Antwerp, Amsterdam and Utrecht, along the top.

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.