



A SCARCE TWO-SHEET MAP OF ENGLAND AND WALES WITH SIDE PANELS

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A New & Correct Map of England & Wales Now Called South Britain. Done from the latest Surveys and best Observations: Containing all ye Cities & Market Towns w.th ye Roads & distance in reputed Miles between Town & Town, by Inspection without Scale or Compaa. Together with an Alphabetical Table shewing ye Market Days ads also what towns are Navigable and whether for ships, Vessels boats or barges &c.

Cartographer	<u>WILLDEY, George.</u>
Date	1715
Stock #:	24165
Publication:	London, c.1715. Coloured. Two sheets conjoined, total 630 x 1015mm.
Condition:	A few small repairs, laid on archival canvas.

DESCRIPTION:

A large and striking map of England and Wales, with an architectural frieze along the top and panels down the sides containing 18 town views (including London, Bristol, Liverpool and other major ports, plus Windsor Castle) and an extensive gazetteer. The lengthy title is within a title cartouche of military trophies, with Willdey's name hidden away in his advertisement for his 'great Toy and Print Shop the corner of Ludgate Street'. On the map the roads are depicted diagrammatically, as straight lines with roundels containing the distances between each town. Shirley suggests the map was engraved in 1715, the year of his two-sheet map of the British Isles; the two maps were included in his atlas of 1717. This dates the map to only eight years after the Act of Union, with the short-lived attempt to rename England and Wales 'South Britain' and Scotland 'North Britain' to encourage unity. The first Hanovarian king, George I, has come to the throne only the year before.