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THE FAMOUS CARICATURE MAP OF ENGLAND AND WALES

£550.00

Geography Bewitched! or, a droll Caricature Map of England and Wales.

Cartographer	DIGHTON, Robert.
Date	1793
Stock #:	25511
Publication:	London: Bowles & Carver, c.1793. Coloured engraving, Sheet 205 x 180mm.
Condition:	Trimmed within plate right and bottom, losing publication line, several tiny pinholes.

DESCRIPTION:

A separate-issue caricature map, depicting England as a man, bearded and pot-bellied, with a foaming mug of beer in his hand and pipe in his mouth, with Wales his cloak. He sits astride a scaly sea-monster, with the Thames Estuary its mouth and Cornwall its tail. The mapping is rudimentary, with London being the only name not on the coast.

Robert Dighton (1752-1814) specialised in satire and caricatures, including similar maps of Ireland and Scotland. He later opened his own shop in Charing Cross but was caught stealing prints from the British Museum to sell.