



17th century map of Eastern and Southern Africa

BLOME, Richard.

A Mapp of the Higher and Lower Aethiopia, Comprehending ye Several Kingdomes, &c. in each. To Witt, in the Empire of the Abissines, The Coast of Zanguebar, Abex, and Aian, with the Kingdomes of Nubia, and Biafara, &c. In the Lower Aethiopia The Kingdom of Congo, ye Empire of the Monomotapa and Monoemugy, ye Coast and Landes of Cafres, and of this side Cape Negres, With the Isles of Madagascar, &c.

London, 1670. Coloured 305 x 410mm.

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A scarce map, engraved by Francis Lamb for Blome's 'Geographical Description of the Four Parts of the World', the second folio world atlas published in England. Originally issued in 1669 it has a dedication to Sir Robert Vyner (or Viner) (1631-1688), Sherriff of London during the Great Fire of 1666 and Lord Mayor in 1674. A goldsmith and banker, he lent money to the monarchy: in 1672 Charles II's court owed him over £400,000.

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