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The route of the Spanish Armada around the British Isles

PINE, John.

A Chart shewing the several Places of Action between the English and Spanish Fleets, with the Places where several of the Spanish Ships were destroyed in their return to Spain, North about the British Islands.

London, John Pine, 1739. Coloured. 380 x 610mm.

£2,200

The general chart of the British Isles from 'The Tapestry Hangings of the House of Lords', showing the route of the Spanish Armada with little vignettes of important events. The allegorical border shows figures representing the Spanish being routed by lightning, and four medallions, one with the famous legend 'God breathed and they were scattered'. The tapestries were commissioned by Lord Howard of Effingham to commemorate the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588, and were designed by the Dutch marine painter Hendrik Cornelisz Vroom. Unfortunately they were destroyed when the Houses of Parliament burnt down in 1834, leaving Pine's book as the only record.

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