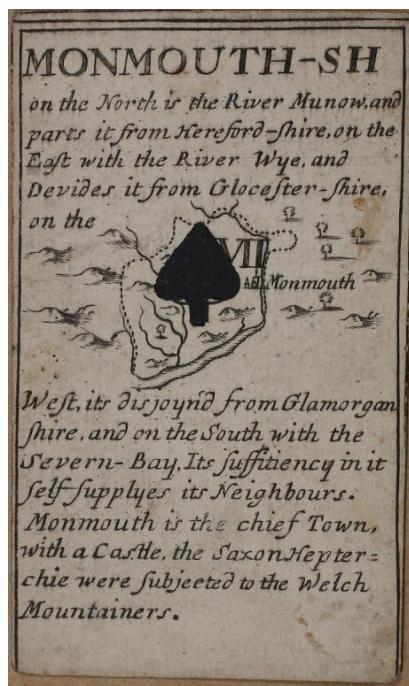
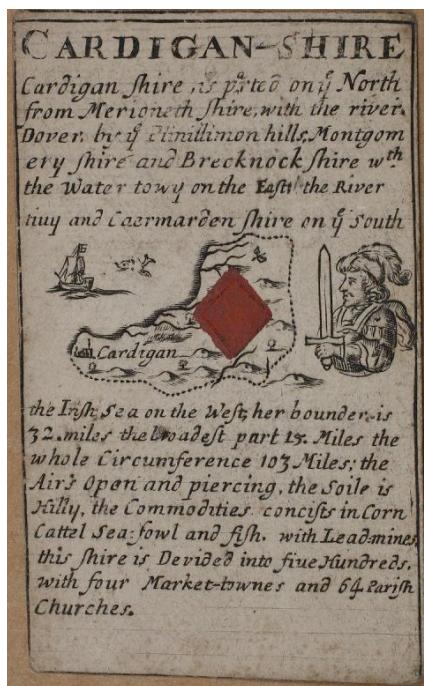


The geographical playing cards of Robert Morden (see 1676a) were closely followed by William Redmayne's pack, which was first announced in the Term Catalogue, June 12th, 1676. Again there is a county map in the centre of each of the fifty-two cards which measure about 55 x 90 mm. They are described by both R.A. Skelton (*County atlases of the British Isles, 1579 - 1703*, London, Carta Press, 1970) and Sylvia Mann and David Kingsley (*Playing cards depicting maps of the British Isles and of English and Welsh counties, Map Collectors' Series*, no: 87, 1972).



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Redmayne's are less attractive, featuring thumbnail maps and more detailed topographical notes. They seem to be the work of more than one engraver and it is thought that some were engraved by John Sturt. The pack does not include any extra cards and was probably not as popular as that of Morden, because Redmayne's cards are very scarce today.

Engraved in the centre of the maps, the suit marks are in outline: stencilled on the first issue (see above) and hatched on the second (see below left). An entry in the Term Catalogue, November 26th, 1677, refers to the second issue: 'Sold formerly for 1s; now newly done, and sold at 6d a Pack'. On the third issue a decorated border was added, as on many of the cards issued by John Lenthall early in the eighteenth century (see below right).

Unlike the earlier cards the relationship between counties and suits seems to be completely random. Unfortunately, it has only been possible to confirm the exact map titles of those shown below in italics:

*Anglesey's; Wiltshire; Somerset; Gloucestershire; Carmarthenshire; Brecknockshire; Westmorland; Northumberland; Cheshire; Lancashire; Cardigan-Shire; Durham; Dorset-Shire.* (diamonds: ace, II-X, jack, queen, king)

*Flint-Shire* (mirror image / cyrillic letter 'N'); *Lincoln-Shire; Darbie-Shire; Nottingham Shire; Northampton Shire; Herefordshire; Glamorganshire; Pembrook-Shire; Suffolk; Kent; Middlesex; Leicestershire; Cambridgeshire.* (hearts: ace, II-X, jack, queen, king)

Rutland; Huntingdonshire; *Cvmerland; Caernarvonshire; Buckingham Shire; Bedfordshire; Devon-Shire; Cornwall; Hamp-Shire; Berkshire; Hertfordshire; Warwickshire; Oxfordshire.* (clubs: ace, II-X, jack, queen, king)

*Sussex; Stafford-Shire; Merionethshire; Montgomeryshire; Radnorshire; Norfolk; Monmouth-Sh; Surrey; Essex; Denbighshire; Shrop-Shire; Yorkshire; Worcestershire.* (spades: ace, II-X, jack, queen, king)

*Geographical chronological and historiographical cards.* London, William Redmayne & others, 1676; William Redmayne, 1677.

*County cards.* London, John Lenthall, (1717).

