

The first edition of a world atlas by Andrew Dury has a nice pictorial engraved title-page dated 1761 and is often found with a seven page letterpress list of subscribers. The second edition was presumably produced for the French market having a letterpress title-page and contents list, both in French, together with the same engraved titlepage as the first one. The new imprint on the engraved titlepage of the third edition includes London for the first time but no date and 'Pr. 9s.' is added [Price 9 shillings]. In the fourth edition, as well as the imprint being altered again, the price is changed to 'Pr. 10s. 6d.'.



The thirty-nine plain but neat and well engraved maps are typical of this period, but six of them are small folding ones, oddly counted as twelve in the numbering: *World*; *Canada*; *England and Wales* (one untitled map of the north and one of the south); *France* (one map of the north and one untitled of the south). The plates are by various engravers: Thomas Kitchin, John Bayley, John Ellis, John Gibson and John Spilsbury.

For the second edition all but nine of them had French titles added above the top border and the hand-colouring on *North America*, *Canada* and *A Map of the West India Islands* shows the boundary changes resulting from the 1763 Treaty of Paris. The small map of Canada also has Newfoundland extended beyond the map border.

The thirty-three miniatures, about 120 x 100 mm., of which sixteen are signed, are:

*Europe; Asia; East Indies; Africa; Map of Senegal with part of the Coast of Africa; North America; South America; A Map of the West India Islands.*

*Great Britain and Ireland; A Map of Scotland; Ireland; Spain and Portugal; Portugal; France; Flanders and the Low Countrys; Switzerland Divided into Cantonments; Italy; Empire of Germany; The Empire of Germany; five further sectional maps of Germany but without titles, either English or French; Kingdom of Hungary; Poland; Kingdom of Prussia; The United Provinces; Denmark; Sweden and Norway; Russia in Europe; Russia in Asia; Turkey in Europe.*

Dury, who was a French Huguenot living and working in London, later issued a companion British Isles atlas too (see 1764b). Both volumes were usually bound having the maps flat in oblong format and with hand-colouring, but some miniature copies are known with the maps double-page.



*New general and universal atlas.* (London), Andrew Dury & Robert Sayer, 1761.

*Atlas universel et portatif.* Londres, Andrew Dury & Robert Sayer, (1763).

*New general and universal atlas.* London, Andrew Dury, Robert Sayer & Carington Bowles, (1768); Robert Laurie & others, (1795).



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