

Map Road Strip Britannia Sheet 2 John Ogilby London Aberistwith  
Islip Bramyard

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Height: 36.5 cm (14.4")

Width: 49 cm (19.3")

Depth: 2 cm (0.8")

## Description

From John Ogilby's, 'Britannia, an Illustration of the Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales'. First published in 1675 it remains the greatest advance in the mapping of England between the sixteenth-century surveys of Christopher Saxton and the county surveys of the second half of the eighteenth century. It was the first national road-atlas of any country in Western Europe and a landmark in the mapping of England and Wales. Strip map Islip to Bramyard, on a scale of approximately one inch to the mile, Britannia was the first atlas on a uniform scale. A fine early example from the second edition of 1675. The strips are treated as trompe l'oeil scrolls with the tops and bottoms furling over themselves behind, the curve shaded with hatching. The map includes fine detail, with hills depicted pictorially and with small illustrations to mark the sites of churches, windmills and country seats. More useful, perhaps, is the insertion of the number of miles travelled along the route, as well as various notes, such as 'a Wooden bridge over a dike' and roads to nearby villages and towns such as 'to Burford'.

The map also includes a miniature town plan of Worcester. Central cartouche inscribed ' The Continuation of ye Road from LONDON to ABERISTWITH. Plate ye Second Comencing at Islip com Oxford & extending Bramyard com Hereford. By John Ogilby Esq his Ma'tres Cosmographer. Containing 67 miles 1 furlong vizt. From Islip to Enton 12.5, Morton Inmarsh 13.2 to Broadway 7.5, to Pershore n'6 to the City of Worcester 9.5 to Bramyard 12 miles 2 furlongs ' Numbered '2.' bottom right Label verso C Wright & Son, picture framer, print seller, Oxford. Annotated. The second of 100 sheets of strip maps made for John Ogilby, Britannia 1675. The road passing through : OXFORDSHIRE - Islip, Blechington, Kirtlington Church, Glimpton, Piddington, Little Compton, Long Compton, Little Rolwright, Chipping Norton, Enston, GLOUCESTERSHIRE Morton Inmarsh, Burton, Broadway, WORCESTERSHIRE - The vale of Evesham, Pershore, Worcester, Bramyard, Broadwaies, Cotheridge Provenance : M Schuchard, Heidelberg University, Germany Clean, undamaged, no tears or repairs in fine later hand colour. Large paper, fleur de lis watermark, generous margins. In an ebonised frame length 49cm., 19" height 36.5cm., 14 1/2" JOHN OGILBY (1600-1676) n a remarkable life John Ogilby pursued, several careers, each ending in misfortune, and yet he always emerged undeterred, to carry on. His modern reputation is based on his final career, started in his sixty-sixth year, as a publisher of maps and geographical accounts. Ogilby was born outside Dundee, in 1600, the son of a Scottish gentleman. While he was still a child, the family moved to London. When the elder Ogilby was imprisoned for debt, the young John invested his savings in a lottery, won a minor prize, and settled his father's debts. Unfortunately, not enough money was left to secure John a good apprenticeship; instead, he was apprenticed to a dance master. Ogilby was soon dancing in masques at court but, one day, while executing a particularly ambitious leap, he landed badly. The accident left him with a permanent limp, and ended his dancing career. However, he had come to the attention of Thomas ...