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 Humbly Inscrib'd to R<sup>th</sup> Hon.<sup>ble</sup> the Earl of Halifax Lord Lieut. of the County*



*From London to Brackley 57.3. to Towcester 3.2. to Northampton 15.5 to Kettering  
 3.2 to Rockingham 6.5 to Cliffe 9.5 to Peterborough from London 76.2.*

*According to Act of Parliament by G. Bickham 1752*

210. BICKHAM'S BIRD'S-EYE VIEW MAP, 1752

(Size of original : 5  $\frac{3}{8}$   $\times$  8  $\frac{7}{8}$  ins.)

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## PREFACE

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Generally I have aimed at supplying all the bibliographical data whereby the reader may identify any particular map of the county, as regards its origin, date, author, designer and engraver (if these are known), and the edition (if the map was issued more than once). I have also noted topographical features that either distinguish a map, or are characteristic of the period, when they were inserted on the map for the first time. For quicker reference to other editions of any map issued three or more times, I have added on the right, beyond or below the subtitle, the entry numbers of the immediately preceding and succeeding editions. There are unfortunately, two methods in use for expressing the dimensions of a map. I have again followed the practice of the Ordnance Survey, and give the measurements of the space devoted to cartographical matter, exclusive of the border surrounding it.

The list is as complete as I have been able to make it. There are doubtless other maps, or other editions of maps, of which I am as yet ignorant, and I shall be pleased to hear of such maps or editions, with a view to issuing a supplement at some future date. Regarding the illustrations, curious or rare maps have been chosen generally for reproduction, rather than well-known ones, and where suitable the reproductions are actual size, to make them as nearly exact replicas of the originals as possible.

In the course of the last thirty years I have built up a substantial collection of county atlases and, to ensure that it should never be broken up, the far too common fate of such collections, it was presented to the University of Leeds in 1939. I have compiled a descriptive catalogue of the collection which the University of Leeds expects to have published before this appears, and I hope to furnish copies of the same to the Northamptonshire Record Society, the Northampton Central Public Library and the Peterborough Museum. This collection was my sole authority for quite a number of items in this volume.

In conclusion I wish to again acknowledge the assistance derived from the works of Sir H. G. Fordham and Thomas Chubb, which have made it possible for me to produce such volumes as *Maps of Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire* and this. My thanks are tendered to the Librarians of the Bodleian Library, the University Library, Cambridge, and the Royal Geographical Society, for permission readily granted to examine maps in their custody; to the Librarian and staff of the Northampton Central Public Library, where an extensive collection of maps of Northamptonshire is held; to the Curator of the Peterborough Museum, where another fine collection is housed; to the members of the staffs

of the Map Rooms of the British Museum and the University Library, Cambridge, and of the numerous Public Libraries in the North, who have always facilitated my search and often been helpful in suggesting possible sources of county maps. Mr. P. I. King has very kindly read through the proofs and made valued corrections.

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21st September, 1948.

#### NOTE ON THE DATING OF THE MAPS

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A date shown on a county map decides the position of the entry number for that particular edition, even if the date of the edition of the atlas containing this map may be a year later. Where however several years elapse between the date on a map and the date of the atlas containing the map, as in Nos. 291 and 300, I assume the map to have been issued separately and again in the atlas, so have made two entries.

A date on the title-page of an atlas often proves to be quite a nominal affair, the reason being that until the early nineteenth century, all maps were impressions from engraved plates and were probably only printed off in comparatively small quantities, as required, whereas owing to the expense of setting up type, the text and frequently the title-page were printed off in large quantities (see No. 298 for example). It therefore frequently happened that the engraved plates for the maps were revised in the meantime, constituting for our purpose a new edition of the map or maps (see Nos. 19, 19a and 19b). In a case where the title-page was an impression from an engraved plate, the discrepancy might be even more marked and the copy of the work being examined might actually be a completely new edition of both text and maps (for instance see Nos. 43, 56 and 86).

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