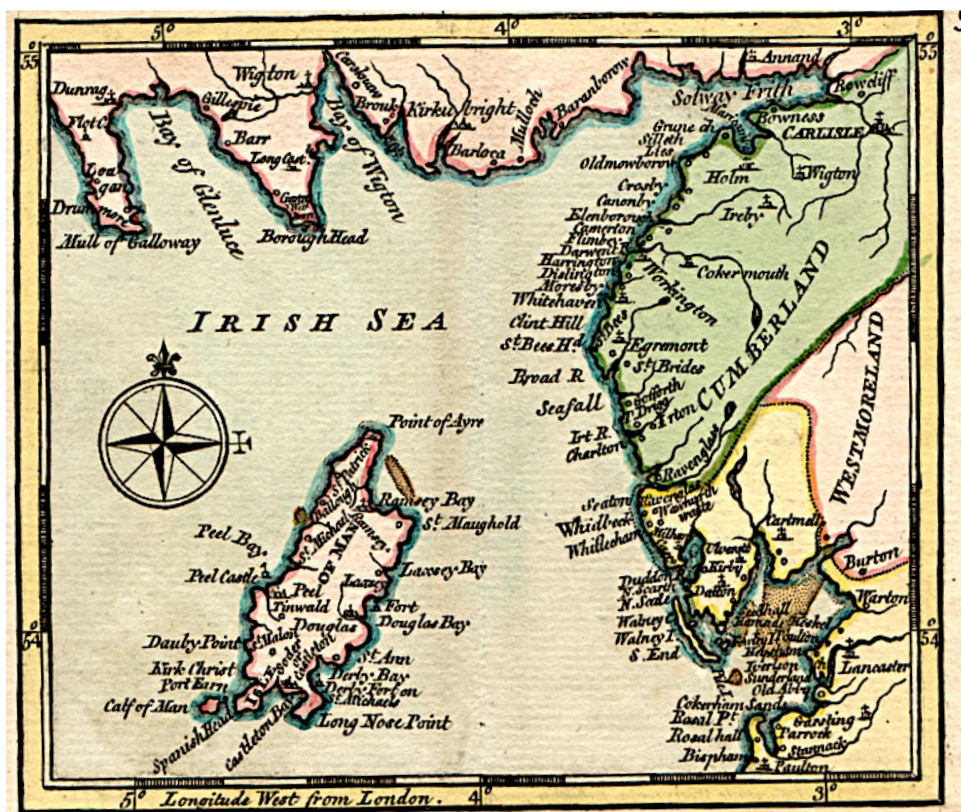


Following on the success of his pocket world atlas (see 1761) Andrew Dury published a second volume which related to the British Isles. On the undated engraved title-page the subtitle reads: 'Drawn from the most Accurate Surveys; In particular, those taken by the late Mr. J. Rocque, topographer to His Majesty.' This is a very attractive and unusual work, almost always found with contemporary colouring.

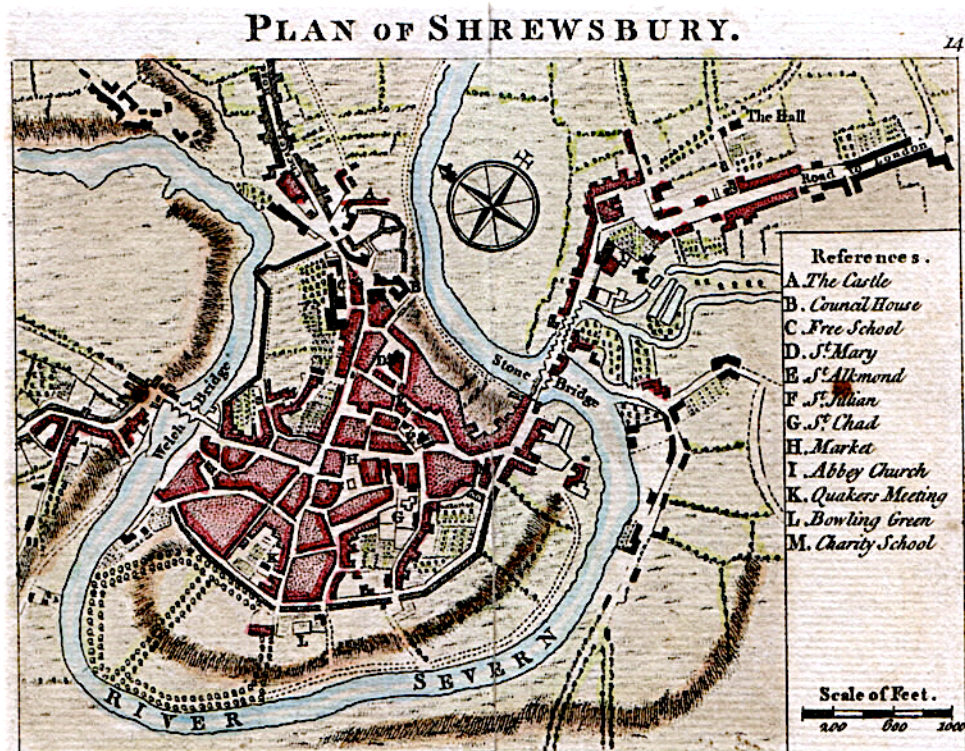
The first half consists of twenty-two numbered miniature coastal maps of Britain and Ireland. They have various shapes and sizes with quite a few about 130 x 105 mm. but the range is 105/135 x 85/110. The only one with a title, *A New map of the Isle of Wight*, is numbered 0. This may be odd but it is not unique (see 1810). Three of these plates are signed by Joseph Ellis and on stylistic grounds it is likely that he engraved them all.



In addition to these, there are eighteen really lovely town plans, mostly with keys, and based on the surveys of John Rocque. Three* of these are signed by John Cheevers who doubtless engraved the rest too. London and Edinburgh are both small folding plans counted as two in the numbering, but for some unknown reason there is no number 9, another oddity! A second plan of London* was engraved on two plates, numbered 3 and 4. It is described in the contents list as 'London as it is this present year, 1764' giving a likely date of publication for the atlas.

The other fifteen are all miniatures:

A Plan of the Palace, Gardens & Town of Kensington; A Plan of the City of Oxford; Plan of Lewes; Plan of the City of Exeter; Plan of the City of Chichester; A Plan of the City and Suburbs of Bristol*; Plan of the City and Suburbs of Bath; A Plan of Bury St. Edmunds, in the County of Suffolk; Plan of Shrewsbury; Plan of the City of York; A Plan of the City & Castle of Chester; A Plan of Boston in the County of Lincoln; A Plan of Old and New Aberdeen; Plan of the City and Suburbs of Dublin; A Plan of the City of Cork.*



A second issue of the atlas has an additional folding map of England by Peter Bell and the two London plates numbered 3 and 4 are joined together. Although usually bound having the maps flat in oblong format, some miniature copies are known with the maps double-page.

A Collection of plans of the principal cities of Great Britain and Ireland with maps of the coast of the said kingdoms. London, Andrew Dury, (1764); Andrew Dury & Robert Sayer, (1766).

