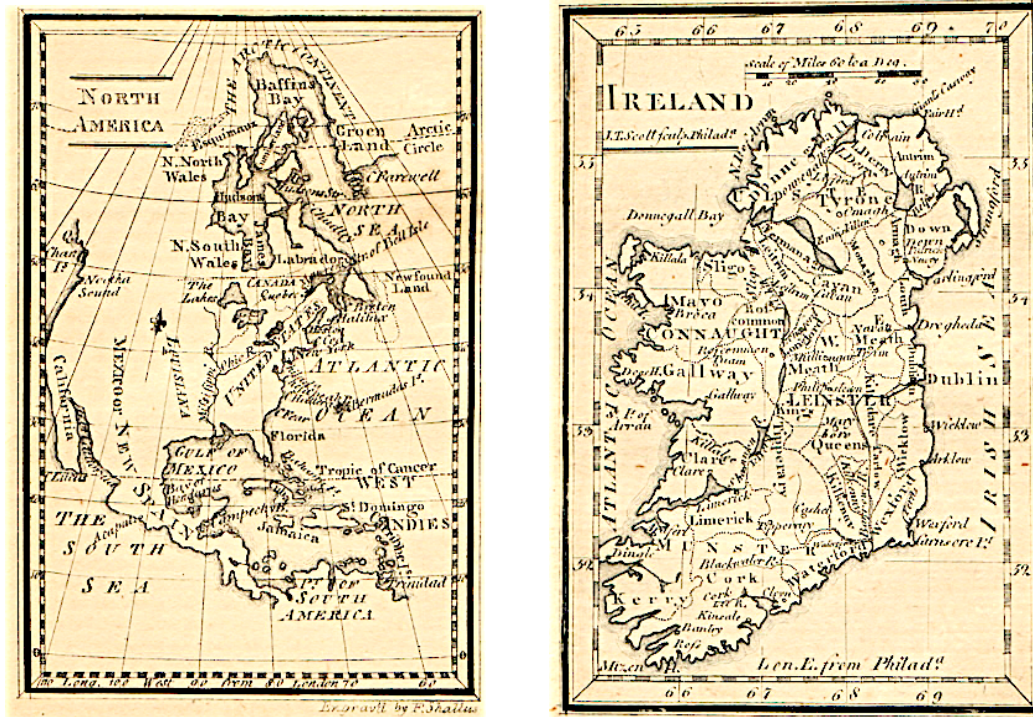


Dated April 14 1798, an American edition of John Gibson's 1792 *Atlas minimus* (see 1758) was published by Mathew Carey (1760-1839), an immigrant from Dublin. It was subtitled *A New set of pocket maps, of various empires, kingdoms, and states, with geographical extracts relative to each, drawn and engraved, by J. Gibson, from the best authorities. A New edition, revised, corrected, and improved.*



Carey says in his preface that as he had already issued a United States atlas, he did not include any state maps in this one, which explains why it only contains forty one plates:

*The World.*

*Europe; Asia; Africa; North America; South America.*

*Britain and Ireland; England and Wales; Scotland; Ireland; The United Provinces; The Netherlands; France divided into Departments; Spain and Portugal; Italy; Switzerland with its Allies; Germany divided into Circles; The North East Part of Germany; The North West Part of Germany; South East Part of Germany; South West Part of Germany; Hungary; Poland; Prussia; Denmark; Sweden and Norway; Russia in Europe; Turkey in Europe; Naples and Sicily.*

*Turkey in Asia; Persia; India on both Sides the Ganges; East India Islands; Russia in Asia; China.*

*Barbary; Negroland and Guinea; Egypt, Nubia and Abissinia.*

*Brasil; Paraguay and Tucuman; Peru.*

They are about 65 x 95 mm., have no numbers and their style is somewhat more modern than the originals, lacking their topographical notes and pretty title cartouches, yet five consecutive plates from Denmark to Naples/Sicily do have the latter. Many have longitudes from Philadelphia but only the map of France, showing the new departments, is not after Gibson.

Thirty seven maps have the engraver's signature and were mostly signed by Joseph T. Scott. Strangely, those of Brasil, Paraguay and Peru do not appear in the index which suggests they were an afterthought. These all have the signature of J. Roche, as also do South America, Sweden/Norway, European Russia, European Turkey and Naples/Sicily. William Barker signed both France and Egypt and Francis Shallus signed Africa, North America and Denmark. Four consecutive maps are unsigned but because of the lines beneath the titles look to be the work of Scott: Asian Russia, China, Barbary and Negroland.



There was a second issue with the title-page unchanged but with numbers added centrally above the top borders. There are two exceptions: the world map is still unnumbered and *East India Islands* has the number 33 engraved half an inch down in the right margin. At least one intermediate issue is known with seven maps without numbers: 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 20 & 41. These issues are not recorded by William Clarkin: *Mathew Carey: a bibliography of his publications 1785-1824*. New York, Garland, 1984.

*Atlas minimus*. Philadelphia, Mathew Carey, 1798, 1798.

