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Herman Moll was a Dutchman who settled in London about 1688 and worked there as an engraver, later setting up his own business and becoming, after the turn of the century, the foremost map publisher in England. His prolific output covered a wide range of loose maps of all parts of the world, varying from miniatures to very decorative large maps as well as atlases. His work enjoyed a high reputation and much of it was copied by other publishers, a fact of which he was always very conscious.

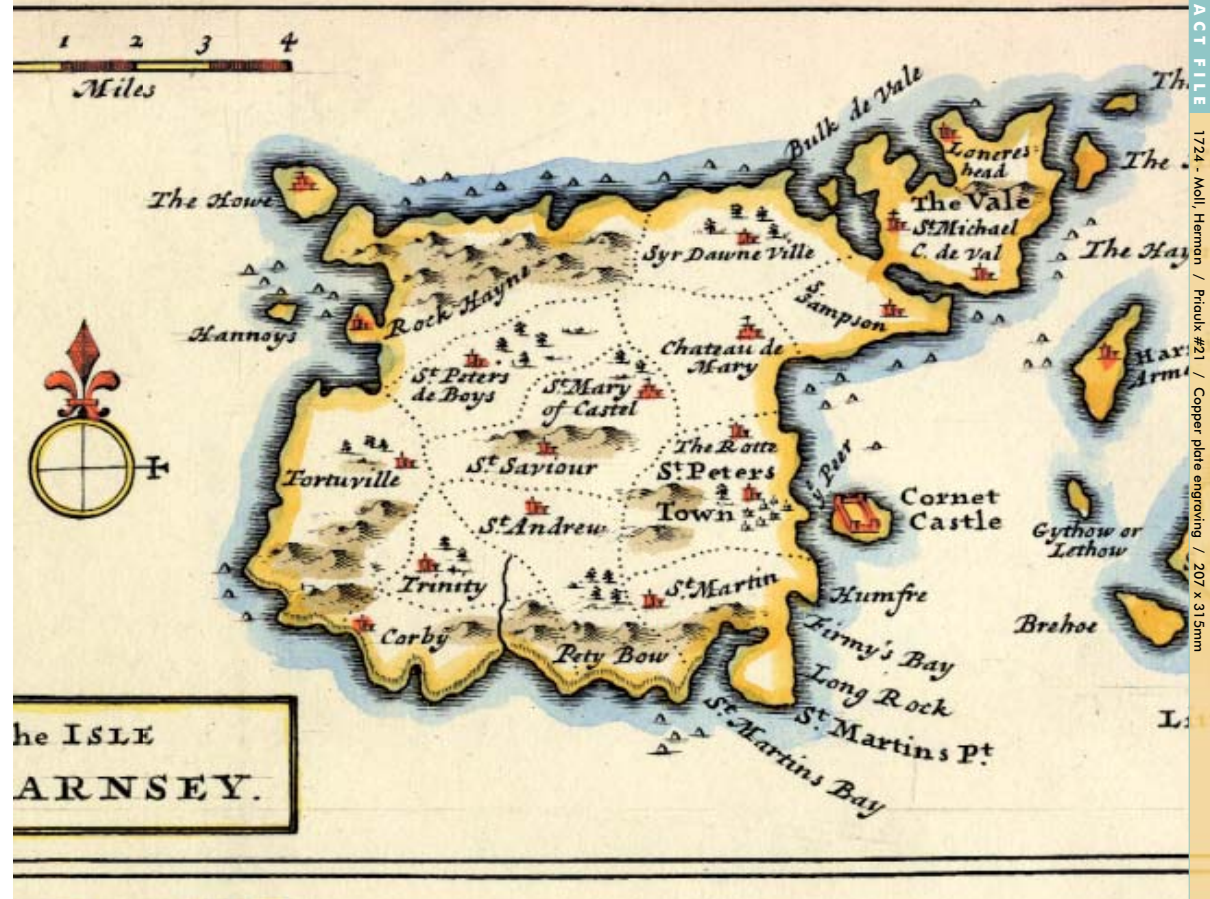
Moll was in partnership with Philip Lea in 1692. Lea had acquired Saxton's plates sometime after the Great Fire of London in 1666. Moll had also been associated with other prominent cartographers of the period, including Moses Pit, Captain Granville Collins and John Seller, and with others as an engraver, geographer and publisher.

Moll's acquaintanceship was wide and varied and not confined to the world of cartography; He was a good friend of the great eighteenth-century doctor and antiquary, William Stuckeley, who memorialised Moll in his extensive diaries and to whom Moll dedicated his "Geographia Antiqua" in 1721. Moll died on 22 September 1732 leaving all he possessed to his only daughter, Henderina Amelia.

Moll's map of Guernsey is another copy of the Speed map.



The Isle of Man, The Isle of Garnsey, The Isle of Jersey, Alderney.



FACT FILE 1724 - Moll, Herman / Plaix #21 / Copper plate engraving / 207 x 315mm

Edmund Halley is appointed Second Astronomer Royal of England

The smallpox vaccination is first administered

In Russia Peter the Great orders fox on men with beards

Herman Moll map

William Bradford establishes the New York Gazette

Primitive coal-burne light on La Cazeques

Brazil plants its first coffee