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Afrique divisee en ses Grandes Regions, et Subdivisee en ses Grands Estats, et moindres Regions et differens Peuples . . . 1817

Stock#: 98525

Map Maker: Nolin / Denis

Date: 1817 **Place:** Paris

Color: Outline Color

Condition:

Size: 25.75 x 18.5 inches

Price: \$ 395.00



Description:

Rare separately published map of Africa, originally issued by JB Nolin and here "corrected and augmented" by Louis Denis in 1817.

The map offers a classical look at the known parts of Africa at the dawn of the 19th Century, along with text descriptions for the various regions of Africa, along with an interesting allegorical cartouche, which includes a teapot which appears to include the head of a snake.

Sample text sections translates as follows:

About Nigritia.

Nigritia is the land of the true Blacks, located in the middle of the lands along the Niger, of which little is known. It is only known that the most powerful kingdom is that of Timbuktu, whose capital is situated near the Niger; it is the most commercial area in this region, trading in Gold, Ivory, and Slaves. Among these peoples, some are Idolaters and others are Muslims."

About Abyssinia.

Abyssinia was formerly known under the general name of Ethiopia, of which it now occupies the main part. It is a vast region whose inhabitants are tall, robust, and more beautiful than the Negroes, very civilized; they are Schismatic Christians. There are countless Monks. The Prince is absolute, they have few Cities, their Monasteries and dwellings are spread over the Mountains and



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in the Valleys. The Southern Provinces are often ravaged by the Gallas, a cannibalistic people and cruel enemies of the Abyssinians.

About the Cafrerie.

It is a very vast Region extending from Nigritia in the Lands to the Cape of Good Hope, inhabited by a very large number of Peoples, most of whom are Cannibals such as those from the states of Macoce, Ginaire, and the Jagas. Some less barbaric are those from Monoemugi and Monomotapa; the latter is considered to be powerful and very rich in Gold. The Kaffirs located along the Coasts, such as the Hottentots, are extremely dirty, stupid, and barely form a few words or vocal sounds to make themselves understood among each other. The Dutch have a considerable Establishment at the Cape of Good Hope.

Detailed Condition:

Small wormhole in the Mediterranean and a few other pinhole sized wormholes.