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## A Chart of the Banks and Part of the Coast of Newfoundland Including The Islands of Sable and Cape Breton From the Actual Surveyso of Jos. F. W. Des Barres esq.

**Stock#:** 26428  
**Map Maker:** Norman  
**Date:** 1791 (1803 ca)  
**Place:** Boston  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 32.5 x 20.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Important 2 sheet map of the coast of Newfoundland, from the mouth of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Cape Breton Island to the Great Bank.

Following shortly after Matthew Clark's impossibly rare map of the region, John Norman's chart of the Maine Coastline was first printed chart of the region and the best available chart of this area in the early years of the United States. Because of its use at sea, Norman's map is now of extreme rarity. Offered here is the especially rare second state of Norman's chart, which appeared only in the 1803 edition of the *American Pilot*. The primary difference between the maps is the addition of the title in the second state.

The American Revolution brought an end to Britain's leading role in the mapping of America. The task now fell to the American publishing industry, still in its infancy, but with direct access to new surveys that were documenting the rapid growth of the nation. In particular, there was a need for nautical charts for use by the expanding New England commercial fleets. The first American marine atlas, Matthew Clark's *A Complete Set of Charts of the Coast of America*, was published in Boston in 1790.

In 1791 John Norman of Boston first published *The American Pilot, containing the navigation of the sea coast of North America....* Norman's *Pilot* was the second sea atlas published in America, the first being by William Clark, published in 1789-1790. (Norman also had a part in Clark's "Pilot," as he was the engraver for a majority of the charts. In 1794, William Norman appeared as the publisher of this *Pilot*, taking over from John Norman.

### Detailed Condition:



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Some damp staining and handling marks. Several small tears along outer sheet edges.