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Carte Des Nouvelles Decouvertes Au Nord de la Mer du Sud, Tant a l'Est de la Siberie et du Kamtchatka, Qua l'Ouest de la Nouvelle France (Bay of the West!)

Stock#: 27119
Map Maker: Santini
Date: 1776
Place: Venice
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine full color example of Santini's edition of Joseph Nicholas De L'Isle's map of the Northern Pacific Ocean, North America and Asia, including a fine depiction of the Bay of the West.

De L'Isle's map was a cartographic landmark, representing the most important advances in the mapping of this region prior to Cook. The map reported the discoveries of numerous Russian explorers, including Tchirkow and Vitus Bering and several overland expeditions between 1731 and 1743, extending from the Northeast Passage to Alaska, and including significant new land discoveries. The routes of Frondat, Spanberg, and other Europeans explorers are also shown.

The map is a fascinating blend of modern discoveries and earlier cartographic myths, including Bay of the West and the discoveries of De La Fuca and d'Aguilar from the late 16th Centuries. The cartographic misconceptions of the region stand in stark contrast to the events unfolding across the North American continent in 1776.

The Manilla Galleon route is also shown. While the treatment of the NW Coast of America is largely conjecture and myth, the information derived from the Russians dominated regional cartography for three decades, until Cook brought significant updates.

Detailed Condition: