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Carte De La Nouvelle France, ou se voit le cours des Grandes Rivieres de. S. Laurens & de Mississipi . . . Floride . . . Louisiane. . . Virginie . . . Marie-Lande . . . Nouvelle Yorck . . . Nouv. Angleterre . . .

Stock#: 37067
Map Maker: Chatelain
Date: 1719
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of Henri Chatelain's map of the inhabited parts of North America, based upon Nicholas De Fer's landmark 4 sheet map published in 1718.

At the top left of the map is a large scale map of the Mississippi Delta and Mobile Bay, based upon the 1699 voyage of Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville. The inset also appears on De Fer's rare 4 sheet map of 1718, upon which this map is based.

D'Iberville explored the mouth of the Mississippi and its many tributaries, including the Red River in Arkansas. This map was first issued in Volume 6 of Chatelain's 7 volume *Atlas Historique*, published between 1705 and 1720. Heidenreich and Dahl surmised that the original 4 sheet De Fer map was issued to promote the recently established Compagnie Francoise Occident and reinforce French opinion in the 1713 boundary settlement. The settlement was initially successful in promoting French emigration to America. However, the financing side of the company, conceived by John Law to help finance the debt left by Louis XIV, led to a wild burst of speculation and ultimate collapse. This episode is often referred to as the Mississippi Bubble.

Chatelain's one sheet version of De Fer's map proved very successful and was copied by Van Keulen and Ottens. The map includes a nice plan and view of Quebec, and fine detail in the Great Lakes and



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Mississippi. The map features vignettes and notes throughout and a dozen sailing ships, Indian Villages, etc.

Detailed Condition: