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Globe Gore [Great Lakes, Florida, Gulf Coast, Texas, Mississippi River, Chesapeake, etc]

Stock#: 45329
Map Maker: Coronelli

Date: 1688 circa
Place: Venice
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 17 x 10 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely Engraved Globe Gore From The Most Widely Acclaimed Terrestrial Globe of the 17th Century

A fine wide-margined example of Vincenzo Coronelli's large globe gore covering the Central parts of North America, from Coronelli's 42 inch Terrestrial Globe.



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Coronelli's globe gore incorporates much of Coronelli's highly important geographical advances in the cartographic depiction of North America.

The gore is centered on the Great Lakes and the course of the Mississippi River, depicting the region from Texas to Florida in the south and extending to Hudson's Bay in the north, with the Great Lakes and a good part of Virginia and the Chesapeake depicted in the center of the image. It incorporates the most accurate depiction of the Great Lakes to date, potentially pre-dating the landmark Nolin-Coronelli *Partie Occidentale* . . . of 1687. The map is the most advanced treatment of the region following Sanson's *Amerique Septentrionale* of 1650, incorporating information derived from Louis Jolliet, Jacques Marquette, Louis Hennepin and Coronelli's close contact with other Jesuit explorers and travellers during his time in Paris.

The map depicts much of Coronelli's landmark geographical information in North America. The Mississippi River is placed about 600 miles too far to the west, based upon Hennepin and La Salle. In addition, there are marvelous projections of Florida, the Gulf Coast, and the Chesapeake. The map includes many scenes of indigenous Indians hunting, fishing, making canoes, etc. Notes regarding various French forts along the Mississippi, including La Salle's encampment in 1685. The fictitious Lake May is still present. Many other important early notes on navigation, exploration, portages, and other interesting information in the Great Lakes region. Notes in the Upper Mississippi note the extent of Marquette and Jolliet's explorations in 1678. The tentative depiction of the course of the Ohio River is also noteworthy.

The map is richly illustrated with many more animal and geographical vignettes and other annotations. The cartography of the gore is very similar to Coronelli's 2 sheet map of North America, which appeared in his *Atlante Veneto*, and there is some question as to which was published first.

Vincenzo Coronelli apprenticed as a Xylographer, before joining the Convental Franciscans in 1665. In about 1678, after studying Astronomy and Euclid, Coronelli began working as a geographer and was commissioned to make a set of Terrestrial and Celestial Globes Ranuccio II Farnese, the Duke of Parma, which were 5 feet in diameter. Coronelli was next invited to Rome to construct a similar pair of Globes for Louis XIV. From 1681 to 1683, Coronelli lived in Paris, where he constructed a pair of 10 foot diameter globes for the King, at a weight of nearly 4000 pounds.

The fame and importance of Coronelli's globe led to the production of a 42 inch diameter globe in 1688, for which complete of examples reside in a number of major institutional collections around the world. Separate globe gore sheets from this famous globe periodically appear on the market. Coronelli worked for a number of years as a Geographer and Theologian, before returning to Venice in 1705, where he published his *Atlante Veneto* and founded the *Accademia Cosmografica degli Argonauti*.



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Detailed Condition: