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Karte Von Den Seen In Canada . . . 1757 [Great Lakes]

Stock#: 51284
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1757
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.5 x 8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Dutch edition of Jacques-Nicolas Bellin's seminal map of the Great Lakes.

The next major step forward in the French mapping of North America after De L'Isle's work in the early 18th century, was made by Jacques-Nicolas Bellin with the publication of his maps of New France in 1744. Bellin's prototype map of the Great Lakes was issued in Pierre-François-Xavier de Charlevoix's *Histoire et Description Generale de la Nouvelle France*. The map is based on the manuscript work of Chaussegros de Lery, who was chief engineer of the army in New France.

Bellin's map is the first to show the imaginary islands of Philippeaux and Pontchartrain in Lake Superior. It also shows a curious elevated plateau in the Michigan Peninsula. Despite these misconceptions, Bellin's rendering of the Great Lakes was the most accurate yet published, and it remains one of the most striking depictions of the region.

This example was issued in a Dutch edition of Bellin's *General History of Voyages*, but retains all the features of the 1744 Charlevoix edition.

Detailed Condition: