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L'America Settentrionale . . . 1677

Stock#: 59548
Map Maker: Rossi
Date: 1677
Place: Rome
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 21 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The First State of Giacomo Rossi's Map of North America

Fine example of the first edition of Rossi's map of North America, based upon Sanson's seminal map, but with revised Italian nomenclature.

This decorative map appeared in Rossi's *Mercurio Geographico*.... The map includes a detailed California as an Island on Sanson's model, early open ended Great Lakes (one of the earliest appearances of the 5 Great Lakes) and a mislocated pre-La Salle/Jolliet/Hennepin Mississippi configuration, pushed well west of its true location and quite speculative in its course.

Nice detail in the Spanish Southwest along the Rio Grande, locating Taos and Santa Fe in the North and identifying Cibola. A number of early Indian names, including the Apaches and Zuni appear. A Lago de Oro is shown off the Gulf of California. Quivera appears in modern day Texas, along with Granada. The East Coast of North America includes many early place names, including N. Amsterdam, Chesapeac, Powhata, Gotheburg (an early Swedish Settlement), Bristou London, Plimouth, Nassau, Elsinburg, R. Iourdain, etc.

Detailed Condition: