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[Montreal & Environs] Carte de L'Isle De Montreal et de Ses Environs Dressee sur les Manuscrits du Depost des Cartes Plans et Journaux de la Marine . . . 1744

Stock#: 75759
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1744
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 12 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important map depicting the area around Montreal and environs.

The chart is drawn from manuscript sketches brought back to Paris by Pierre Francois Xavier de Charlevoix (1682-1761) a Jesuit Priest who traveled through Canada and North America's eastern regions from 1705-1720. Engraved under the direction of Jacques Nicolas Bellin (1703-1761) the Royal Hydrographer to the King in Paris, the chart was included in *L'Histoire et Description Generale de la Nouvelle France* published in Paris in 1744.

In 1720 the Duke of Orleans sent the Jesuit scholar and explorer Pierre François-Xavier de Charlevoix to America to record events in New France and Louisiana and determine the best route to the Pacific Ocean. Charlevoix gathered geographic information from fur traders in Quebec and traveled through the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi River. After he returned to France, Charlevoix published his views on North America in his *Histoire et description générale de la Nouvelle France*, which has become one of the most important works on North America during the period prior to the French & Indian (Seven Years) War.

Thomas Jefferson owned a copy of Charlevoix's *Histoire et description générale de la Nouvelle France* and recommended it, along with the accounts of Hennepin and Lahontan, as a "particularly useful species of reading." He referred to Charlevoix's book as he developed his own ideas of Louisiana and the Northwest.



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