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## A Map of the Whole Continent of America. according to D'Anville & L. Delarochette

**Stock#:** 94438
**Map Maker:** Delarochette

**Date:** 1763 circa
**Place:** London
**Color:** Hand Colored
**Condition:** VG
**Size:** 21.5 x 20 inches

**Price:** $ 1,800.00



**Description:**

*Previously Unknown Proof State*

Rare separately published map of America, published by Louis Delarochette.

Published shortly after the end of the Seven Years War (French & Indian War), the map retains the claims of the French in America (in bright Yellow), but includes a red line which approximates the subsequent Treaty of Paris in 1763. Notably, the map pre-dates the numerous text clauses added in the **_second state of the map_**.

An interesting explanation is given for why California was thought to be an island:

> *the Californian Isthmus being covered in the Spring Tides made Imagine at first that California was an Island.*

Addressing the question of the Northwest Passage, the map notes at the top:

> *all the Bays & Inlets on the West side of Hudson's Bay have been visited without appearence of Success in the several attempts made for the Discovery of a North West passage.*

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The discoveries of Juan de Fuca (1592), Martin d'Aguilar (1603), Francis Drake (1542 and 1578) are shown.

In the area of the Upper Mississippi and Upper Missouri Rivers, a number of the great river legends and myths are delineated.

An interesting feature of the map is the illustration and identification of the "Line of Demarcation between the Spaniards & the Portuguese fixed By the Pope Alexander VI in the Year 1500.

#### Rarity

The map is very rare. We are aware of a single example at auction and only one example in AMPR (PJ Radford, 1984).

**Detailed Condition:**