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Carte ou l'on Voit Les Nouvelles Decouvertes dans le Nord de L'Afrique Tracee par le Major Rennell en 17987

Stock#: 9682
Map Maker: Rennell / Park
Date: 1799
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 26 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Major Rennell's map of the northern half of Africa. The map first appeared in Mungo Park's *Travels in the Interior Part of Africa*... This example, which has been dissected and laid on linen, would appear to be from the first French edition, issued in 1799. The work is considered one of the most important books dealing with the exploration of the interior of Africa. Mungo Park, a young Scottish doctor, made his first journey in 1795, in search of the Niger. He spent two years travelling deep into the interior of Africa and his book provides a fine and vivid narrative of his adventures and his coming to grips with native civilisations and customs. The journey was sponsored by the African Association in the hope of solving the riddle of the Niger, no doubt enthused by Bruce's success on the other side of the continent. Park set out from the Gambia, marched east to Bambuk, crossing the Faleme and the Senegal, and on the July 20, 1796, he reached the Niger. Unfortunately, he did not survive the journey, as he was subsequently killed by natives east of Timbuctou. A nice example of this important map.

Detailed Condition: