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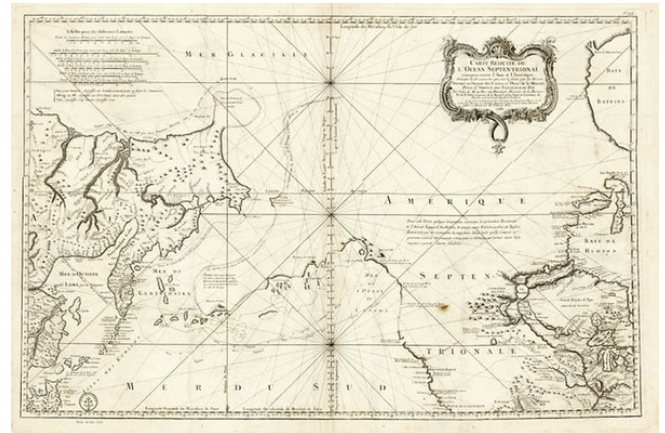
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Carte Reduite De L'Ocean Septentrional compris entre l'Asie et l'Amerique Suivante les Decouvertes..par les Russes...1766

Stock#: 0877
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1766
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 34 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important and highly detailed large format map of the NW Coast of America, but extending to Baffin Bay, Hudson Bay, and the confluence of the Mississippi River with the Missouri and Ohio Rivers. While the map's primary focus is on the Russian Discoveries in Alaska and the NW Coast, based upon Berhing, Chirikov, and De L'Isle, the map is of great interest for its treatment of the course of the Mississippi River Valley as well. Bellin's map is based upon Buache's Nouvelle cart des decouvertes, issued in 1758. The map extends indefinitely to the north and notes that the mythical voyage of De Fonte. The tracks of the voyages of Vaisseaux, Chirikov and Berhing are noted. Often overlooked is the wonderful treatment of the Mississippi River, which is shown extending to Lac Rouge, then to Lac Ouinipique (Winnipeg) and Lac Bourbon, then continuing to Hudson Bay, making for an uninterrupted water route from Hudson Bay to the Gulf of Mexico. A similar water course from Lac Ouinipique to Lake Superior is suggested, although more tentatively so. The course of the Missouri and Ohio Rivers are well illustrated, although the source of the Missouri is unknown. Two rivers flow speculatively from the San Francisco and Puget Sound areas, searching vainly and mythically for water course to the Mississippi. Bellin's map must be regarded as one of the most overlooked Transmississippi West maps of the period, incorporating the information from his seminal 1755 map of North America. Wagner 610.

Detailed Condition: