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Hemisphere Septentrional pour voir plus distinctement Les Terres Arctiques . . . [Separately Issued--Dissected & Laid on Linen]

Stock#: 10155
Map Maker: De L'Isle / Dezauche
Date: 1790 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately issued example of De L'Isle's map of the Northern Hemisphere, Cartographically, this means of projection has the opposite effect of the Mercator projection. The Mercator projection inflates land masses at the northern and southern extremes while showing regions closer to the Equator correctly. This projection shows the Polar regions correctly and distorts Equatorial lands. California is shown as a peninsula. Japan is still in a fairly early stage of cartography, and the northeast coast of Russia has not yet been charted out to its full extent. However, it is the blank spaces that show one of the major steps achieved here; De L'Isle is little given to speculation about what has not been proven by actual exploration. His approach is emblematic of the more scientific approach taken in cartography during the 18th Century. The map is updated to show the tracts of Cook's Voyages, Hawaii, etc., along with a marvelous NW Coast of America. A gorgeous old color example, which has been dissected and laid on linen, and bears the original bookplate of an anonymous French bookseller on the verso. The first time we have ever seen the map in this format. The color is truly extraordinary.

Detailed Condition: