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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#: 11541
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1766
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 34 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important and highly detailed large format map of the Northwest Coast of America and Northeast Coast of Asia, also 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 Northwest Coast of America 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 Carte 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 Ouinpique (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 Ouinpique 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, trailing off near the Nation Du Serpent, and then joining up shortly later with the speculative Route de L'Ouest, a mythical river which has its outlet into the Pacific Ocean at the bay discovered by Martin d'Aguilar in 1603 (also mythical). A second river flows speculatively from the San Francisco area, searching vainly for water a course to the Mississippi. Bellin's map must be regarded as one of the more fascinating and influential maps of the NW Coast of America and the Transmississippi West maps of the period, incorporating the information from his seminal 1755 map of North America. Wagner 610. A nice example, in striking period color and an essential map for regional collectors.

Detailed Condition: