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Le Nouveau Mexique et La Floride...1656

Stock#: 11625
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1656
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 21.5 x 12.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important regional map of North America, being the first large scale map to depict California and the Southwest.

Sanson's printed map is the earliest to concentrate on Spanish territories from Florida to California and provided a prototype for other mapmakers over the next 50 years. Engraved by Jean Somer, it improves upon Sanson's *Amerique Septentrionale* of 1650 in many ways. Amongst them is the first application of ERIE LAC to a recognizable lake. The depiction of California as an island was one of two most influential models (the other being the Briggs model), and was used as a model by many later cartographers.

First published separately, the map appeared in Sanson's atlases and later in composite atlases for the next 70 years.. The Pierre Mariette named in the title is the son of Nicolas Sanson's business partner of the same name who capitalized the business but died in 1657.

The map is the first to introduce the two bays at the top of California, which influenced California as an Island Cartography for the next 50 years. The Northwest Coastline is substantially revised from Sanson's map of North America. The Rio Grande, still mistakenly flowing southwest, includes many new Indian Names not present in the map of North America. The Curious peninsula at the top of the Northwest Coast of the mainland (Agubela De Cato) is of unknown origin.

Detailed Condition: