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**Carte Generale Des Decouvertes De L'Amiral De Fonte representant la grande
probabilite Iun Passage au Nord Quest by Thomas Jefferys**

Stock#: 1492
Map Maker: Diderot / de Vaugondy
Date: 1772
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A fascinating map. Showing polar region. L'Isle of the Russian discoveries in the region prior to 1750, which he obtained during his time working in St. Petersburg. The debate was fed by the maps of Buache and Jefferys, which provided radically different accounts of the coast. Ulimately, the discoveries during Cook's first voyage put and end to the debate. This map tracks the voyages of Tchirikow, Frondat, Bering, and others Russians during the first part of the 18th Century and credits De Fuca, d'Aguilar and De Font with discoveries on the NW Coast. The Massive Sea of the West is drawn from Buache's model, with numerous other wide watercourses both through the central continent and above the arctic circle, all richly annotated with source information. Most remarkable may be the seemingly blocking land mass above lac Bernarda, seemingly advising the reader that not only is there no NW passage above that point, but that attempts to seek it will force a Northeast Passage back to the Atlantic over Russia and Scandinavia--a clear case of carto-advocacy. An essential map for regional collectors. Wagner 637; Pedley 454.

Detailed Condition: