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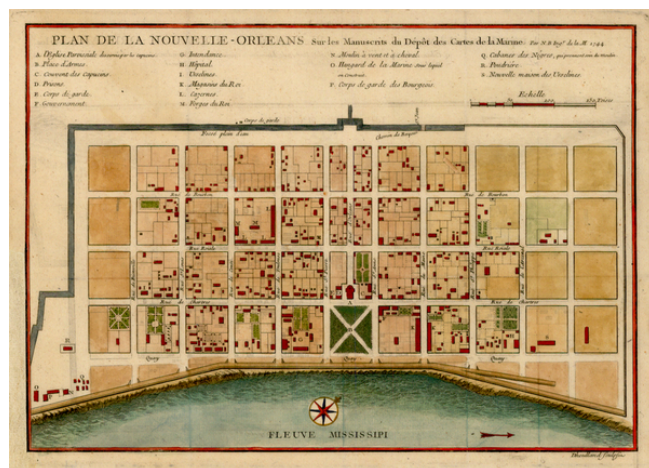
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Plan De La Nouvelle-Orleans Sur les Manuscrits du Depot des Cartes De la Marine . . . 1744

Stock#: 18301
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1744
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

First state of Bellin's important early map of New Orleans, from Charlevoix's *Histoire de la Nouvelle France*.

This first state is distinguishable from subsequent states by the inclusion of the date, the position of the title of the map and the note in the lower right corner that the map was engraved by Dheulland. The map includes the earliest obtainable plan of New Orleans, complete with a key naming 18 placenames. The plan names the streets and well over 100 buildings as shown.

In 1720 the Duke of Orleans sent the Jesuit scholar and explorer Pierre François-Xavier de Charlevoix to America to record events in New France and Louisiana and determine the best route to the Pacific Ocean. Charlevoix gathered geographic information from fur traders in Quebec and traveled through the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi River. After he returned to France, Charlevoix published his views on North America in his *Histoire et description générale de la Nouvelle France*, which has become one of the most important works on North America during the period prior to the French & Indian (Seven Years) War.

Thomas Jefferson owned a copy of Charlevoix's *Histoire et description générale de la Nouvelle France* and recommended it, along with the accounts of Hennepin and Lahontan, as a "particularly useful species of reading." He referred to Charlevoix's book as he developed his own ideas of Louisiana and the Northwest.

Detailed Condition:

Drawer Ref: Louisiana

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