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Carte De L'Ocean Occidentale et Partie De L'Amerique Septentrionale . . . 1744

Stock#: 18448
Map Maker: Bellin

Date: 1744
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 15 x 10 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Interesting map of the eastern half of North America and the Atlantic, prepared to illustrate Charlevoix's seminal work on North America. Attractive full color example.

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 hte 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* 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:
Minor offsetting. A few areas with narrow margins, as bound into the book.