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L'Afrique Dressee Selon les dernieres Relat ... 1717

Stock#: 20992
Map Maker: de Fer
Date: 1717
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.5 x 9 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking copper plate engraved map of all of Africa from Nicholas de Fer's *L'Atlas Curieux ou le Monde*. This example is the third state, dated 1717.

A wonderful blend of known, conjectured, and mythical features, the map has a curious depiction of the continent with a bulge in the southwest coastline between the Cape and the Congo. Unusual islands appear in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, including the second mythical island of St. Helena. In Central Africa there is a paragraph concerning the origin of the Nile in Abyssinia; the source of the Nile is close to correct, but the original and two mythical lakes remain. Ptolemy's lakes of Zaire and Zaflan are depicted entirely divorced from the Nile. "Monomotapa" is shown in the south and at the Cape of Good Hope there is a description about the circumnavigation by Diaz in 1486.

Nicholas de Fer (1646-1720) was the youngest son of Parisian print and map seller, Antoine de Fer [d.1673]. He became an official geographer to both French and Spanish kings. Nicholas de Fer was one of the most prolific and influential French geographers and cartographers of the late 17th and early 18th Century.

Detailed Condition: