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Nouvelle Carte de la Partie Septentrionale du Globe, comprise entre le Kamtchatka et la Californie Dressee sur la Relation du dernier Voyage du Capitaine Cook, sur les derniers Decouvertes des Russes . . . 1781

Stock#: 21146
Map Maker: Buache / Dezauche
Date: 1781
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare map of the Northwest Coast of America and Northeast Coast of Asia, showing Cook's Tracks through the Pacific.

Buache's map is based upon the earlier maps of the region, originally prepared by J.N. De L'Isle to report the Russian Discoveries in America. This De L'Isle model became the most popular presentation of the discoveries in the North Pacific for the next 50 years, as Cook, Vancouver and La Perouse explored and mapped the region, systematically eliminating some of the last great cartographic myths in the region, including the Sea of the West and several extraordinarily inaccurate treatments of the Alaskan Coastline.

In addition to its rarity (this is the first example of the map we have seen), this version of the De L'Isle map is noteworthy for its systematic reporting of many of the great myths of the interior of Western North America. Among the more interesting features of the map is the inclusion of Fousang's discoveries (Chinese discovery of America prior to Columbus), Conibas, Quivira, Aztlan et Tuculhuacan, Bagiopas, Mozeemleck, and a marvelous ephemeral treatment of the southwestern coastline of Alaska.

The map is also a rare look at "Lac de Fuentes," which would seem to be a last ditch effort to preserve the myth of the Sea of the West in the wake of Cook's exploration of the Northwestern Coastline. The marvelous open sea is gone, but in its place are two straits, one of which leads into the R. de los Reyes and ultimately connects to the massive inland Lake (Fuentes) and the second dissects modern Alaska, suggesting a direct water course from Southern Alaska to the Glacial Sea above North America.



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Minor foxing and soiling