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Carte des parties nord et ouest de L'Amerique dressee de apres les relations les plus authentiques ...1764. Nouvelle edition ... en 1772

Stock#: 22303
Map Maker: Diderot / de Vaugondy
Date: 1772
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 15 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fascinating map of North America, based upon a map by Thomas Engel.

Engel's map of North America was issued in his *Memoires Observations Geographiques* in 1765, and provides a fascinating look at the water courses across North America, with no less than 4 rivers reaching from the Pacific to the Rocky Mountains and one nearly to the Mississippi, commencing near Puget Sound. Baron La Hontan's mythical River of the West is shown with only a short portage from L. de Tahuglanks across the Rockies to the source of the Mississippi. Two other rivers begin north of the Bering Strait and feed the mythical Lake Conibas popularized by Wytfliet in 1597, with Lake Michinipi, passing over top of the Rockies.

While no Northwest Passage is shown, the prospect is not foreclosed. The mid-American water courses are no less interesting, with The Missouri, Mississippi and R. Rouge badly misprojected, but very much in evidence. The maps were issued following a long period of French/Jesuit exploration commencing with La Salle, Jolliet, Franquelin, Hennepin and La Hontan in the late 17th and early 18th Centuries and continuing with the systematic search reflected in the maps of Verendrye and others searching for the watercourse between the Mississippi and the Pacific. Wheat notes that among other interesting features, the entire west is labeled *Allies de Sioux*, undoubtedly a Jesuit observation.

Detailed Condition: