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Recentissima Novi Orbis Sive Americae Septentrionalis et Meridionalis Tabula ex Officina Caroli Allard . . . [New Zealand Inset and California as an Island]

Stock#: 26035
Map Maker: Allard
Date: 1700
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 19.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of Allard's rare map of America, which includes an inset of New Zealand, California as an island, and an unusual land bridge connecting the Northwest Coast of America with Japan.

Allard's map includes one of the boldest depictions of the myth of Terra Esonis, a land bridge extending from Japan to the Straits of Anian, with only a small strait on either side. Includes an excellent example of California as an Island, based upon Sanson's second projection. The open ended Great Lakes (based upon Sanson) and primitive early treatment of the Mississippi River are also noteworthy, as is the early Rio Colorado, extending to a lake in Apachas and Navaio regions of the Southwest, and mistakenly referencing Taos and Xila, indicating a confusion with the Rio Grande regarding the Taos reference. The interior of South America includes tribal vignettes in Brazil and a misprojected, overly wide projection of the continent.

Two of the most interesting features of the map are the massive Terrae Esonis and early Australia. Terrae Esonis, which connects the Straits of Anian to Japan, includes over a dozen place names, one the boldest renditions of this myth. Quiri Regio, the Northern parts of what would become Australia, are also well delineated, showing what would become Carpentaria, the Gulf of Carpentaria and Arnham's Land. A massive island of Isabella appears above Australia. Several early place names and islands are also shown.

Detailed Condition:



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Old color refreshed, with some minor reinforcement on the verso.