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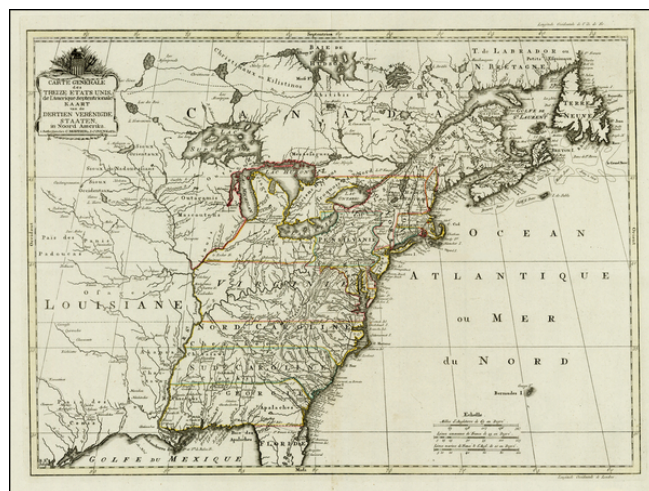
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Carte Generale des Treize Etats Unis de L'Amerique Septentrionale == Kaart van de Dertien Verenigde Staaten in Noord Amerika

Stock#: 27692
Map Maker: Covens & Mortier
Date: 1783
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Covens & Mortier map of the United States, one of the earliest appearance of a representation of an American Flag and one of the earliest maps to name the United States (in both French & Dutch!).

The title cartouche refers to the thirteen United States in both French and Dutch and is decorated by an American flag with thirteen stars; thus this is one of the earliest maps displaying the stars and stripes. The area mapped is from James Bay to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Atlantic coast to central Texas.

There is a fascinating road running from Port Royal along the coast to Fort George, near Penobscot Bay. Roads are not generally shown on a map of this scale at this time, making that quite unusual. Many towns, rivers and other landmarks are located, as well as Native American tribes and state boundaries, which extend to the Mississippi River.

It has been speculated that Reiner & Joshua Ottens originally made the plate for this map in 1755 under the title "Carte des possessions Angloises & Francoises du continent de l'Amerique Septentrionale". It was then acquired by Covens & Mortier and reworked to show the newly formed states and may have appeared as early as 1783.

The map is quite rare, this being the first time we have offered the map for sale.

Detailed Condition: