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Americque Septentrionale (California as an Island -- First Edition!)

Stock#: 29326
Map Maker: Sanson

Date: 1657
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 8 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Seminal map of North America and the Great Lakes, which would influence the cartography of the region for the next 100 years and one of the earliest printed maps to focus solely on North America.

Along with Sanson's Folio map issued a year earlier, this map includes many firsts and changes of great note. The Rio Grande is shown draining into the Mer Vermelio (Sea of Cortez) rather than the Gulf of Mexico. Much improvement in the drainage of the Great Lakes and St Lawrence.

The map draws heavily on the Jesuit explorations to the west and the travels of the French Fur Traders. Greater detail shown in Hudson Bay than in earlier maps. Calfiornia is shown as an island, with excellent detail in the Southwest. Cibola and Conibas are named, as are the Apaches regions.

The Mississippi is not yet well charted, coming prior to La Salle's reports. The classic open Great Lakes from Sanson's North American map are shown in fine detail. From the 1657 edition of Sanson's *L'Amerique en Plusieurs Cartes Nouvelles...*

Detailed Condition:
Old Color. Minor foxing and offsetting