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Nouvelle Mappe Monde dediee au progres de nos connoissances . . .1781 [Bay of the West]

Stock#: 29815
Map Maker: Lattré
Date: 1781
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Paris edition of this unusual decorative map of the World, oriented to show the "Hemisphere Marine" (Southern Hemisphere) and "Hemisphere Terrestre" (Northern Hemisphere) by Charles Pierre Boullanger.

The map includes a massive Bay of the West and partial coastlines of New Zealand and Australia. No sign of the discovery of Antarctica. Paris is at the centre of the right sphere, so that Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and most of South America appear together: the left sphere contains Patagonia, Australia and the East Indian Islands. Thus Santini could name the two halves 'Hemisphere Maritime' and 'Hemisphere Terrestre'. Australia and New Zealand are only shown partially (despite Cook a decade before); the erroneous 'Mer de L'Ouest' appears in northwest America, with a large 'I. Nouvelle' just south of the Bering Straits; and Jesso is part of mainland Asia.

While the Venice editions of the map appear on the market periodically, this is the first example of the original French edition we have seen on the market.

Detailed Condition: