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L'Amerique Septentrionale divisee en ses principaux Etats . . . 1762 [Sea of the West]

Stock#: 30947
Map Maker: Janvier
Date: 1762
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 17.5 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Early edition of Janvier's map of North America, one of the best examples of the Bay of the West myth.

Janvier's map of North America is one of the signature mid-18th Century maps for North American and Northwestern map collectors. The map is known in a number of states, of which this state is perhaps the most interesting. The Tchirickow/De L'Isle coastline reminiscent of the Alaskan Archipelago remains shown above the words Mer Du Sud, but the connection to the mainland has been replaced with open sea. The Bay of the West appears in its usual configuration, which is present in at least 3 states of this map, as are the configurations of the Straits of Juan De Fuca and Martin Aguilar. The Archipel St Lazare appears in a region which was previously land locked. The mythical river system crossing Canada is still in evidence. Lac Michinipi ou des Assinibouels is shown. The sources of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers are shown, albeit speculatively so.

A few early French forts still appear in the Transappalachian West.

Detailed Condition: