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Carte Generale De Canada. Dediee au Roy de Danemark Par son tres humble et tres obeissant et tres fidele serviteur Lahontan

Stock#: 32894
Map Maker: Lahontan

Date: 1703
Place: Den Hague
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 17 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare first edition of Lahontan's map of Canada, from Acadia and he mouth of the St. Lawrence to the upper Mississippi River and the Grand Lac des Assinipoval, centered on the Great Lakes.

Lahontan's maps and most notably the map showing a western River extending to the Pacific, were among the most influential of all mythical cartographic works of North America, effecting the cartographic landscape of the upper Mississippi, Plains and Rocky Mountain Regions for nearly 50 years.

Issued in *Memoires de l'Amerique Septentrionale ou la Suite des Voyages ....,* one of the most influential and fanciful works of its time. The map depicts the Longue flowing from the mountains in the west (Rocky Mountains), home to the Gnacsitares Indians, and connecting to the Mississippi River. On the western side of the mountains is another river, presumably flowing into the Pacific.

Lahontan's concept was copied by virtually all 18th-century cartographers, including Moll, Senex, Popple, and Delisle, thus perpetuating the myth.

This large first edition rarely appears on the market. This is the first example we have offered in 20 years.

Detailed Condition:
Minor abrasion and adherence at bottom center, causing some thinning to the paper and a small area of paper transfer.