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A New Map of North America, with the British, French, Spanish, Dutch & Danish Dominions on that great Continent; and the West India Islands, According to the Definitive Treaty concluded at Paris 10th February 1763 . . .

Stock#: 33722
Map Maker: Sayer
Date: 1763
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 38 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Robert Sayer's separately issued 2-sheet map of North America, ""Printed for Robt Sayer Map and Printseller at the Golden Buck in Fleet Street.."

Sayer's map was one of the first of the early large format maps to show the interior parts of North America. As noted in Seller & Van Ee's discussion of this map:

During the first half of the eighteenth century, the quality of maps of the interior parts of North America was . . . poor. . . In the decade of the 1750s, however, several landmark maps appeared. . . The reasons for the increased interest in North American geography and the tremendous improvement in the quality of maps of the eastern half of the continent are not hard to find. Once again Great Britain and France faced the prospect of war over their territorial claims in the New World. As in all such struggles, the demand for maps of the war zone increased. In France, for example, map publishers like Jean Baptiste Nolin and Maurille Antoine Moithey took advantage of the situation to produce maps that favored French claims and denoted the 'pretentions des Anglois,' and in England mapmakers like John Lodge, Robert Sayer, and Emanuel Bowen highlighted the 'French Encroachments' in North America for the English-speaking world.

This is the third state of the map, which has been complete revised to incorporate the revisions occasioned by the Treaty of Paris in 1763. The first state, dated on the Library of Congress Website as 1750, does not include the relevant articles of the 1763 Treaty of Paris which ended the Seven Year War (French & Indian War), and resulted in France's loss of most of their colonial claims in North America. For an example of



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the first state of the map, click here: www.loc.gov/resource/g3300.np000059/. The second state of the map apparently includes the date of 1760, but is otherwise identical to the first state.

The map was unquestionably prepared in connection with the greater interest in England with its claim in North America, as typified by the annotations added to the first and second states of the map.

The French have stretched their Louisiana on both sides of the Mississippi, which is another instance of their Incroachment, for they have no just claim to any part of the Country lying Eastward of that River... But it is to be hoped that his British Majesty will no longer be kept unacquainted with ye Consequence of ye Country lying between ye British Settlements & ye Mississippi. Let this not be thought a remote contingency, for if the French settle on the Back of our Colonies, ye English must become subject to them in a little Time.

Following the conclusion of the War, these passages were removed and in their place, the text of the relevant parts of the Treaty of Paris added.

The limits of the various British Colonies are shown extending to and beyond the Mississippi Riger, with a significantly reduced and emasculated French Louisiana, following the end of the War.

Among the more noteworthy features of the map are the well delineated routes of the 17th Century British explorers in the Canadian Arctic Regions, including a number of points of discovery which include explorer's names and dates.

Other annotations includes details of the Confederated Indians surrender of their Beaver Hunting Country to the English in July 1701, a note that until the early 18th Century, California was believed to be an island and a note regarding Tchirkow's discovery of lands along the Northwest Coast of America in 1741.

Another annotation along the Northwest Coast of America references Captain Spanberg's citing of Land in 1728 ("from whence the Russians fetch Beautiful furs." This is likely an erroneous reference to the voyage of the Danish Captain Spanberg, in 1738 (working for the Imperial Russian Navy), as Spanberg did not arrive to Okhotsk on the East Coast of Russia until 1735 and thereafter spent 3 years preparing for his first voyage, which did not commence until June 1738 in search of a sea route to Japan. The information from this voyage was likely transmitted back to England by Captain William Walton, who commanded one of the vessels in Spanberg's expedition.

The map also tracks the ocean currents, in the Caribbean, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and notes the route



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of the Spanish trading Galeons.

The map is of the utmost rarity, with no other examples of state 1 or state 3 appearing auction or in dealer catalogues in the past 30 years and only 1 example of state 3 in 2001. OCLC locates 3 examples of the first state, no examples of the 2nd state and 4 examples of the third state of the map, with the Newberry Library apparently holding a unique example of a fourth state.

Detailed Condition:

Two sheet map, joined. Several short tears, just entering printed image, expertly repaired on verso.