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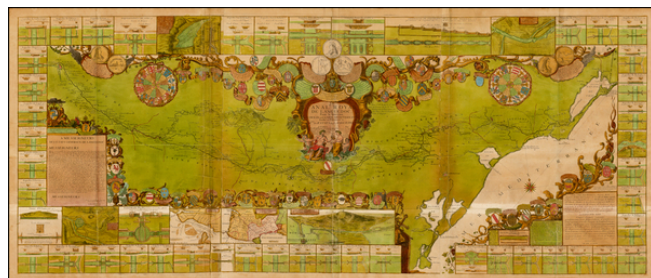
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Le Canal Royal de Languedoc Pour la Ionction L'Ocean et de la Mer Mediterrane . . . 1697

Stock#: 36617
Map Maker: Nolin
Date: 1697
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 55.5 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely colored example of J.B. Nolin's monumental map of Languedoc, published in 1697.

This remarkable separately issued map provides a detailed contemporary look at one of the largest western engineering projects in the 17th century.

The Canal du Midi, originally called the Canal Royale du Languedoc, was built through southwestern France to connect the Mediterranean with the Atlantic. Extending for 150 miles, it ran from the port of Sete on the Mediterranean to Toulouse on the Garonne River. The project was approved by Royal Decree of Louis XIV in 1666 and took nearly 20 years to complete. It was unquestionably the largest civil engineering project in seventeenth century Europe.

The map includes 58 insets and 59 coats of arms of the men associated with the construction of the canal, along with a history of the project.

Detailed Condition:

Full original color. Some minor browning and toning. Minor tear, repaired in one corner of the map.