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Nouvelle description de L'Amerique

Stock#: 38894
Map Maker: Berrey
Date: 1651
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 8 x 5.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce map of the western Hemisphere, from Nicolas Berrey's *Tresor des Cartes*, the first true French world atlas.

Based largely on Jansson's map of America from *Atlas Minor*, 1628, the most dominant feature of the map is the curious depiction of the west coast of North America, which is completely bisected by an unnamed strait (Northwest Passage), possibly derived from reports of Juan de Fuca's disputed voyage.

The bulging northwest coast of North America continues another 65 degrees and is separated from Asia by a narrow Estroit d'Anian. These features were derived from the Van den Keere and Plancius globe of 1614. Previous maps had depicted the supposed Northwest Passage through the Strait of Anian. Other interesting features include the St. Lawrence River flowing from a small lake in the west and no Great Lakes.

The map includes a number of mythical islands in the Atlantic, including Brasil, Frislande and al. das Maidas.

Detailed Condition: