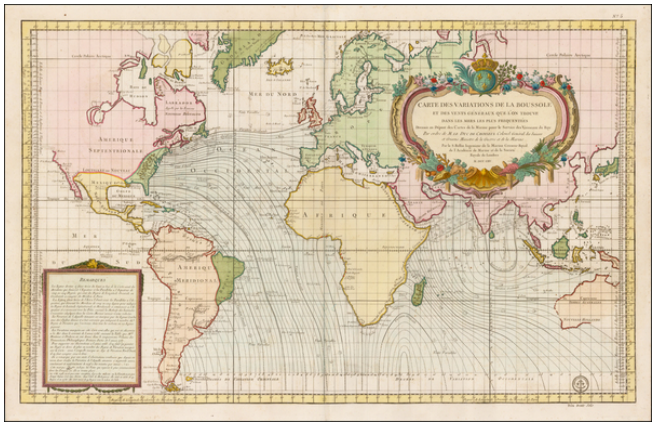
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Carte Des Variations De La Boussole et Des Vents Generaux Que L'on Trouve Dans Les Mers Les Plus Frequentees . . . MDCCLXV



Stock#: 39032
Map Maker: Depot de la Marine

Date: 1765
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 34.5 x 22 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

Fine chart of the World, showing the magnetic variations of the compass, one of the first French World maps to illustrate magnetic variations.

An elegantly designed and precisely drafted sea chart of the oceans sailed by French navigators in the 18th century. Drawn by J. N. Bellin (1703-1772), who during his over fifty years of work in the French Hydrographic Service was appointed the first 'Ingenieur hydrographe de la Marine.' This chart extends from California to Japan and focuses on the Atlantic and Indian oceans. The French sphere of influence in the West Indies, Africa, and India, would have generated this interest in compass and wind variations applied to a Mercator projection covering most of the world.

By 1765, France had lost most of its overseas empire in America following the Seven Years War (French and Indian War in America), so knowledge of the sea routes was important to holding what was left. Besides a wealth of hydrographic information, including little wind heads throughout, this beautiful map features an exquisite title cartouche featuring the French crown surmounting the globe.

Detailed Condition: