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North America Corrected From The Observations Communicated to The Royal Society of London and The Royal Academy of Paris . . . 1710 (Unrecord Variant!)

Stock#: 39631
Map Maker: Senex & Maxwell
Date: 1710 circa
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 38 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Unrecorded edition of John Senex's large scale map of North America, dedicated to Anthony Hammond, Commissioner in Her Majesty's Navy.

Senex's map is one of the earliest large-scale English maps of North America. The map represents a British attempt to consolidate new information about the region and borrows data from such recently published sources as Delisle's landmark *Carte du Mexique et de la Floride* and *Carte de la Canada*. Senex improves upon this work with a fine depiction of the Great Lakes region and the most accurate definition of the lower Mississippi River and its delta by an English cartographer of the period. Several of the most important and controversial cartographic discoveries of the period are discussed at length, including



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Lahontan's mythical Long River and the Salt Lake east of the Country of the Mozeemleck's, both of which are also depicted in remarkable (albeit fanciful) detail.

Sir William Phipps's discovery of Spanish wrecks off the coast of the Caicos and Southern Bahamas is noted. Senex also extended the map's coverage to the Canadian Arctic and the Terra Incognita above Baffin's Bay. Present-day Oklahoma and Texas are part of La Floride, considered at the time to be a possession of the French. The Red River and the Indian villages of East Texas are portrayed accurately, but Senex, following Delisle, incorrectly placed many Texas rivers, in addition to depicting some strange and unrecognizable names.

One of the most remarkable large format English maps of the period, embellished with a large cartouche and coat of arms.

The map is known in 3 states, plus an unrecorded state (not in Stevens & Tree), referenced below as between states 1 and 2.

- The first state (1710) has no imprint information in the scale of miles and includes attribution to John Senex, Cha. Price & John Maxwell in the title cartouche.
- The second state (1710 ca) Includes John Senex's name in the scale of miles and deletes the names of Charles Price and John Maxwell in the title.
- The third state (1750 ca) includes the imprint of T. Bowles, J. Bowles & Robert Sayer.
- We note also an unrecorded variant edition with a blank imprint in the scale of miles, but omitting the names of Price and Maxwell, placing it between states 1 and 2.

The present example includes the names of Senex and Maxwell, suggesting that it is the true second state, preceding the unrecorded variant listed above.

Detailed Condition: