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Mappe-Monde Geo-Hydrographique, ou Description Generale du Globe Terrestre et Aquatique, en Deux Plans-Hemipsheres ou sont exactement remarques en general Toutes Les Parties de la Terre et de l'Eau. . . . 1786

Stock#: 40994
Map Maker: Brion de la Tour / Jaillot
Date: 1786
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 25.5 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking World Map with the Latest Discoveries and a Historical Cartographic Lineage

Rare Louis Brion de la Tour edition of Jaillot's 1695 map of the world which has been significantly revised and updated to depict the routes of famous explorers in the second half of the eighteenth-century.

This map was based on a seventeenth-century world map published by Alexis-Hubert Jaillot. The original map was made for the *Atlas Francois* and was first published in 1695 and reprinted in 1696, 1698, 1700, and 1706. Geographically and aesthetically, the 1695 map is very similar to Jaillot's larger world map of 1674, which was based on the work of Sanson. This Brion de la Tour edition still carries the engraver of the 1674 map's name, which also appeared on the 1695 map. "Louis Cordier" is just below the western hemisphere.

Brion de la Tour's double-hemisphere has significant updates as compared to the Jaillot works, however. This world map includes the routes of Captain James Cook on his three voyages of exploration between 1769 and 1780. It also has more complete Australian and New Zealand coastlines, as well as significant development in the coastline of Northwest North America. California is no longer shown as an island, and the hypothetical shores of a great southern continent have been removed.

With the exception of the elimination of California as an island, all of these updates were at least partially thanks to the voyages of James Cook. Cook circumnavigated New Zealand on his first voyage, creating a map used into the twentieth century, and also was the first European known to have contacted the east



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coast of Australia. Near the Antarctic Circle, which Cook crossed three times on his second expedition—the first ship to do so, there are icebergs which Brion de la Tour calls islands, plains, and mountains of ice. Finally, the map includes Hawai'i, contacted by Cook's crew on his third voyage.

Cook also features prominently in the paratext of the map. In the title block running along the top edge, Brion de la Tour explains that the map is updated according to Cook's voyages and those that traveled with him and who were sometimes separated from him en route. In the ornate cartouche between the hemispheres at the bottom edge are two mermaids guarding the text within. It explains that the routes pricked on the map are those of Cook, Clarke (sic.) and Gore, and Furneaux, who served with Cook on his third and second voyages respectively. Cook is also mentioned in a note about the projection that runs along the bottom edge of the map.

At the top join of the hemispheres are two angels trumpeting in the clouds. Their cartouche bears the royal coat of arms and includes Jaillot's dedication to the King of France.

Rarity

This edition of the map is very rare. We note the existence of several examples with a date of 1790, but this is the first time we have seen the map updated to include Cook's information with such an early publication date.

Detailed Condition: