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Stock#: 41646
Map Maker: Jaillot
Date: 1696 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 34 x 21 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Fine Map of South America by Jaillot

Handsome large-format map of South America, based upon the earlier maps of Nicholas Sanson.

Jaillot's map is well-framed, showing South America with portions of Central America, Africa, and the Cape Verde Islands.

The continent's defining physical features are notable here. The Rio de la Plata curls northwards, studded with islands, and ends in the mythical Lake of Xarayes. The Amazon winds towards the heart of the landmass, splitting into a feather-like pattern and then weaving its way from smaller rivers in Peru. In the north is a large, rectangular lake, Lake Parime, with the mystical city of *Manoa El Dorado* on its banks.

In the far south, the Straits of Magellan separate Tierra del Fuego from the mainland. The latter is shown as a single island with several rivers, a common depiction of the area at the time. The Straits are surrounded by toponyms of Spanish, Dutch, and English origins. This reflects the dense history of navigation in the area, with Magellan—a Portuguese sailor in the employ of the Spanish—naming Cape of 11,000 Virgins, Jacob Le Maire naming Staten Land and the Straits of Le Maire, and John Narbrough naming Cape Froward, as some examples.

The geographic content of the map is augmented by the decorative features. In the lower right corner is an imposing scale bar. Framing it are indigenous women lounging, crying, and vomiting. Below them is a monkey and some tropical birds. In the lower left is the title cartouche crowned by two impressively-dressed native men. They gesture toward the coat of arms of the Dauphin of France, the dedicatee of the map.



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Jaillot's map is one of the most detailed and accurate maps of the period.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling at folds.