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L'Amerique Septentrionale et les Terres Polaires Arctique . . . (Rare late edition!)

Stock#: 42086
Map Maker: de Fer
Date: 1754
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare late edition Nicolas of De Fer's scarce map of North America, first published in Paris in 1693, which is unchanged from the original, except for a very tortured re-configuration of California, so that it is no longer an island, as it was in the earlier editions of the map.

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This state of the map was apparently unknown to McLaughlin, who does not show any states after 1723.

The map provides a fine elegant depiction of the prevailing cartographical knowledge of North America at the end of the 17th Century.

There is a precise depiction of the polar regions of Canada, a somewhat exaggerated by basically accurate depiction of the Great lake and St. Lawrence Region and classic straight line depiction of the Mississippi River, based upon the reports of French Jesuit missionaries and explorers in the second half of the 17th Century.

The mouth of the Mississippi is pushed into Texas, a legacy of La Salle's early reports, and the Carolinas now appear on the map. One curious feature is the depiction of Mobile in the area of modern Tennessee.

In the north, there is a vast region listed as "Cette Region est toute a suite Inconnue" (the whole of the region is unknown).



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Detailed Condition:

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