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Le Golfe De Mexique, La Floride Au Nord Le Mexique ou Nouvelle Espagne . . . 1717

Stock#: 42855
Map Maker: de Fer
Date: 1717
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23.5 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Full color example of Nicolas De Fer's rare map of the Caribbean.

De Fer's map of the Caribbean is a fine adaptation of Guillaume Delisle's 1701 *Carte des environs du Mississipi*. The map shows a well-formed Mississippi Delta and Gulf Coast and locates La Salle's fort ('Fort de Francois') on Matagorda Bay, Texas ('Baye de St. Louis et de St. Bernard').

Unlike most maps of the period, including Delisle's famous *Carte de la Louisiane* (1718), De Fer's displays Florida correctly as a peninsula rather than as an archipelago, as first depicted by Thomas Nairne in 1711.

The working relationship of premier cartographers Delisle and De Fer is not yet fully understood, but both were in the service of the King, had access to official archives, apparently shared and exchanged information, and were also competitors in the business of selling maps.

De Fer's map is a seminal map of the Gulf Coast, based upon information obtained from the War of Spanish Succession and other contemporary sources. The map is considerably rarer than De L'Isle's contemporary map and more focused on the Caribbean and Gulf Coast regions.

De Fer's maps of the region were some of the most influential and important of the era.

Detailed Condition:

Some color bleed and minor soiling at lower centerfold in blank margin.