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An Exact Chart of the River St. Laurence, from Fort Frontenac to the Island of Anticosti shewing the Soundings, Rocks, Shoals &c with Views of the Lands and all necessary Instructions for navigating that River to Quebec. . . . 1775

Stock#: 43783
Map Maker: Jefferys
Date: 1775
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 38 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Definitive British Mapping of the St. Lawrence River From Jeffery's American Atlas .

Highly detailed set of maps on a single sheet, comprising the whole of the St. Lawrence River, from Quebec to the sea, including contiguous islands and significant navigational points of interest.

The information here was originally compiled by Thomas Jefferys in 1757, primarily from French sources. The north bank was drawn directly from the Jean Deshayes highly influential survey of 1695, and the south shore was from d'Anville's map of 1755.

In August 1685, Jean Deshayes arrived in Quebec, having been appointed by the French Government to make a hydrographic survey of the St. Lawrence River. Upon his arrival, he first accompanied Governor Brisay de Denonville on a journey up river to Fort Frontenac, at the mouth of Lake Ontario, landing at frequent intervals to observe and calculate latitudes. Upon returning to Quebec, Deshayes consulted with local navigators and explorers, including Louis Jolliet, to develop a strategy for the remainder of the survey. He traveled by snowshoe to establish his baselines and conduct initial triangulations, before departing in a bark with a crew of seven, spending the next six months surveying the river.

During this 6 month period, he was fully occupied in carrying out a detailed hydrographic survey of the St. Lawrence below Quebec. In November 1686, he left the colony without completing the survey. In 1699, Deshayes submitted a manuscript version of his map of the St. Lawrence to the Académie Royale des Sciences. Following its endorsement, a printed version of the map was created by 1702, followed by a second edition of the map, with minor alterations, which was likely printed in 1715.



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Inset maps include:

- The Seven Islands
- A Continuation of the River from Quebec to Lake Ontario taken from the Original Published at Paris by Mr. D'Anville in 1755
- St. Nicholas or English Harbor
- A View of the Lands from Cape Torment to the Butt
- The Traverse or Passage from Cape Torment into the South Channel of Orleans Island
- The Road of Tadousac

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling, with one stain at top left, just touching printed image.