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America (with an extraordinary Northwest Coast of America)

Stock#: 43948
Map Maker: Morden
Date: 1703
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 16.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Remarkable Pre-cursor To Modern Maps of the Northwest Coast of America.

Rare map of America, which includes an extraordinary treatment of the Northwest Coast of North America, which has been attributed to Robert Morden. The map is perhaps most noteworthy for its remarkably accurate depiction of the coastline of the region, comprising the Aleutian Islands, Alaska and the Northwest Coast of America, nearly 50 decades prior to the earliest maps to begin a meaningful treatment of this region based upon recorded voyages of exploration (primarily Russian Sources).

The map shows a conjectural Northwest Coastline, which includes a number of islands and several lakes, including Aquinonbock, Lake of Isles and The Great Lake of Thoago or Thoya. On the coastline, Desolation and Zapozipin Bays appear north of 60 degrees.

This map and John Senex's 1719 map of America both include this information, although this example shows a truly remarkable contour of the Coastline, very nearly matching those of Cartographers after Cook and the Russian Discoveries, nearly 100 years later. A comparison of the two maps shows that Senex was in fact copying Morden's work: {{ inventory_detail_link('26834') }}

It is indeed curious that despite noting the islands and other features along the Northwest coast, Wagner gives no real explanation of the source of the information, which certainly predates the Russian discoveries and information furnished by Joseph De L'Isle and Philippe Buache.



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The map appears in the 1703 edition of Peter Heylyn's *Cosmography*. Mead Cain wrote in *The Map Collector* #57, that the source of the map was Robert Morden.

Detailed Condition: