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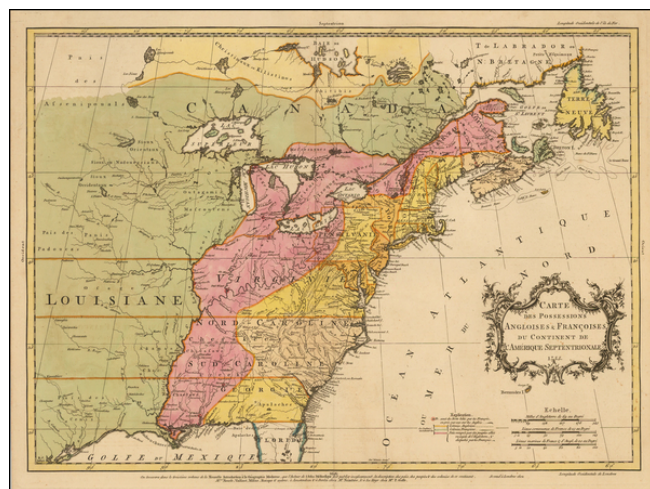
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[An English Propaganda Map In French] Carte Des Possessions Angloises & Francoises Du Continent De L'Amerique Septentrionale 1755.

Stock#: 45113
Map Maker: Kitchin / Palairot
Date: 1755
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare First State of Jean Palairot's Map of the British Colonies In North America, Engraved by Thomas Kitchin in London .

First state of Palairot's map of the British and French Colonies in North America, from his *A CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF THE ENGLISH and FRENCH POSSESSIONS IN North-America, For the better explaining of the MAP published with that Title. BY J. PALAIROT, Agent of their High Mightinesses the States General of the United Provinces, &c.*, first published in London in 1755.

Palairot's map is one of the earliest separately published maps of the Colonies to incorporate the information from John Mitchell's seminal 8 sheet map. Jean Palairot was an English mapmaker, who had been born in France. At the time of publication of this work, he was serving as the Agent to the Dutch States-General in London. Intended as anti-French propaganda, the map's purpose was succinctly described by Thomas Streeter as:

. . . brought out to support the English claims in America that led to the French and Indian War, as is suggested by the bellicose printed label on the case [of Streeter's copy] which reads as follows: "A Pocket Map of the English and French Dominions in North America, wherein The Lands Claim'd and Encroach'd by the French, and Their Forts erected thereon, are particularly laid down. . . (Streeter Catalog: #821)

Palairot's rare map and his accompanying pamphlet were published simultaneously in English and French,



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and provide a fascinating picture of the North American Colonies on the eve of the French & Indian War. The relevant facts in dispute between the various claimants in North America on the eve of the French and Indian war are laid out by Palairret. In the preface of his pamphlet, Palairret notes:

The method in which I have coloured [the map], will easily discover the English and French Possessions, as well the countries that are now the subject of contest between those two nations, as the forts which the French have built, or taken in the midst of the English Colonies, and in the countries claimed by the English.

The pamphlet describes the events leading up to the conflict in much detail. Together the map and pamphlet are very rare, so much so that Streeter believed his copy to be unique.

The map depicts the English Colonies in Yellow, the French Colonies in Green and what would become the areas under conflict during the French & Indian War in Pink (the Spanish areas of Nouv: Mexico and Floride are shown in a blue-green shade).

The first state of the map is an exceptional rarity. In his on-line catalogue of *John Rocque's Catalogue of his engraved works*, Mapforum author and publisher Ashley Baynton Williams identifies the first state of Palairret's 1755 map as pre-dating both inclusion of the annotation below the Explication "*n.b. La province de Main & la territoire de Sagadahook, sont / de la jurisdiction de Massachusetts-Bay*" AND the inclusion of 3 longitudinal boundary lines both of which are present on the second state (circa 1756).

This is the first time we have ever handled the first state of this map.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color.