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Le Canada ou Nouvelle France &c. Ce qui set les plus advance vers le Septentrion est tier de dives Relations des Anglois, Danois &c. . . . 1656 (Unique Example with Extra Engraved Compass Rose!)

Stock#: 45811
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1656
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Unique Extra Illustrated Full Original Color Example of Sanson's Landmark Map of Canada & The Great Lakes Region.

Fine example of the first edition of Sanson's seminal map of the Great Lakes in full original color, with an engraved compass rose added by an early owner.

Sanson's map of Canada and the Great Lakes is one of the most important American maps of the period and a landmark in the mapping of the Great Lakes regions, which would influence regional maps for the next 100 years. This is the first map to attach the name L. Erie ou Du Chat to one of the Great Lakes (the latter being a reference to the local Indians). The drainage basin of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence is shown in greater detail than Sanson's map of North America.

The map identifies both Montreal and Quebec. The map incorporates many of the Jesuit discoveries in the New World. In addition, Long Island is shown and New Amsterdam is correctly located. The Delaware River is shown accurately, including the Swedish Colony. The map was separately issued from 1656 to 1658, then bound into some of Sanson's Atlases.

The present example is an unusually fine dark impression, with fine original color. The first edition of the map can be identified by the date (1656), which was later revised to 1676.



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This example is made all the more desirable, as a result of the inclusion of an engraved compass rose, which has been added by an early owner. Because the compass rose addition has been done using a woodcut engraving method, it is virtually impossible to know the date of its addition, but the color scheme, which matches the coloring in the map, strongly suggests that it was added at a very early date.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color.