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## Amerique Septentrionale Publiee Sous Les Auspices De Monseigneur Le Duc D'Orleans ... MDCCXLVI

**Stock#:** 47817  
**Map Maker:** d'Anville  
**Date:** 1746  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 34 x 32.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Nice example of J.B.B. D'Anville's 4 sheet map of North America, one of the best French maps of North America prior to the French & Indian War.

The map was issued shortly after Bellin's seminal map of the Great Lakes, although the projection of Lake Michigan appears to lean slightly toward the east, unlike Bellin's and subsequent maps. Karpinski notes that D'Anville, who was the foremost of the French Cartographers following De L'Isle, treats there region around the Great Lakes with considerably more accuracy than John Mitchell's map of 1755.

The map provides nice detail along the Rio Grande and an excellent treatment of the Mississippi and Missouri River Valleys for the period. Lahontan's Grande River is retained west of Lac Du Bois. The Trans-Appalachian treatment in the Ohio Valley and below the Great Lakes reflects the superior knowledge of the French in these regions, owing largely to the Jesuit activity from the St. Lawrence to the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi River over the prior 150 years. The newly formed colony of Georgia appears above Florida, which is in a modest Archipelagic state.

Issued by one of France's most important mapmakers, D'Anville's map is one of the earliest large format maps of North America published in France.



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