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La America Dispuesta segun las ultimas y nuevas observaciones de las Accademias, y de Paris, y de Londres [Bay or Sea of the West--Very Rare]

Stock#: 50341
Map Maker: López
Date: 1760 circa
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 18.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Exceptional dark impression of this rare map of America, published in Spain. This is a later state, with a substantially (perhaps completely) reengraved cartouche, compared with the one other example that we have previously handled.

The map shows a large Bay of the West and follows De L'Isle's map of America from the mid 18th Century. The cartography of the NW Coast of America follows Buache's maps, showing a large Sea of the West, with reference to Juan De La Fuca and Martin Aguilar. The interior detail shows a massive Mississippi Watershed, draining well over North America and reaching to New York and Pennsylvania with its eastern tributaries and probingly for a Northwest Passage to the West. The Solomon Islands are shown as are the Islands Discovered by Davide English in 1627.

While the map's cartography is fascinating and the Spanish nomenclature quite unusual, it is certainly the spectacular dark impression and massive margins that make this map truly remarkable. We have seen the map only once before, in poor condition, making this find quite exciting. Ornate decorative cartouche.

Two prior mentions in dealer catalogs in the past 25 years, neither of which could identify the maker.

Detailed Condition:

Old wash color. Dissected and laid on linen with newer marbled-paper case. Some minor soiling.