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A Map of Florida and ye Great Lakes of Canada

Stock#: 52969
Map Maker: Morden
Date: 1689 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 5 x 5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Remarkable Early Depiction of the Mississippi River

One of the earliest obtainable English maps of the colonies and one of the most remarkable early depictions of the Mississippi River, and the second earliest English map to depict the entire course of the Mississippi, after a rare untitled map of north America, which Burden dates as circa 1684 and attributes to Philip Lea (Burden 603).

Beginning in the 1670s, the English fortunes in North America took a dramatic turn upward, resulting in a booming interest in the British American Colonies and, in turn, the issuance of maps to satisfy this interest.

This general map of the Colonies names the 5 Great Lakes (Michigan is Lake Illinovic) and notes each of the primary British Colonies. Approximately 30 Coastal placenames appear south of Long Island to the Mouth of the Mississippi.

The Course of the Mississippi (R. Spriito Sancto al Rio Grande) is of note, taking a very direct southerly route, with a terminus well west of its true location. A mythical set of mountains is shown along the western banks of the Mississippi and a similar mythical range extends from the St. Lawrence to the



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Mississippi River. Burden notes:

One of the most interesting aspects of this map is one of the first depictions of the entire Mississippi River. The map appears to be a composite of the first by Melchisedech Thevenot, 1681 and the influential Vincenzo Maria Coronelli, 1688. Much of the cartography is drawn from the Coronelli-Nolin, c. 1687, although like Thevenot, Morden places the mouth of the river further east.

This map appeared in Morden's rare *Atlas Terrestris*, published as early as 1687. While the Morden maps used in the *Atlas Terrestris* were also issued in Morden's *Geography Rectified* a few years earlier, this is the first appearance of many of the American maps, which are either newly issued or revised for the atlas edition.

Detailed Condition: