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A New Map of the North Parts of America claimed by France under ye Names of Louisiana, Mississippi, Canada and New France with ye Adjoyning Territories of England and Spain

Stock#: 54627
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1730 circa
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 40 x 25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Shows the Margravate of Azilia, the Predecessor to the Colony of Georgia.

Important early detailed map of the interior part of North America, including California as an island, by Herman Moll.

Moll's map was originally published in 1718, following the publication of Delisle's 1718 map of the Mississippi Valley. Although Moll appears at first to copy Delisle's 1718 *Carte de la Louisiane et cours du Mississippi* . . ., Moll actually enlarges Delisle and attacks the veracity of the French claims in America as reflected in Delisle's map. As noted by Cumming:

Moll calls upon the English noblemen, gentlemen, and merchants interested in Carolina to note the 'Incroachments' of the French map on their 'Properties' and on the land of their Indian allies. The map presents details of the Southeast found in no other printed map. The chief source of this information is a large, unsigned, undated manuscript map in the Public Record Office, from which Moll took much information on trading paths, Indian tribes, French, Spanish, and English forts and settlements, rivers, and other topographical data.

In *The Mapping of the American Southwest*, Reinhart notes:

Moll's mapping of Texas and northern Mexico is both informative and appealing. He was best at coastal geography, depicting with some accuracy the coastal features, barrier islands (e.g., Padre Island), and identified rivers emptying into the Gulf of Mexico. The rivers often continue deep into the interior, where there is less detail, but Moll does indicate various Indian tribes....



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But most intriguing are Moll's notations. For example, he mentions several times the Spanish cattle gone wild the famous Texas longhorns of later years by noting 'Country full of Beeves' or 'This Country has vast and Beautiful Plains, all level and full of Greens, which afford Pasture to an infinite number of Beeves and other Creatures' in East Texas near the 'R. Salado.' Nearby also is noted, 'Many Nations [of Indians] on ye heads of this Branches [of several rivers] who use Horses and Trade with the French and Spaniards.'

Moll voraciously defends the English claim to the territory east of the Mississippi and gives back part of Florida to Spain; in the Advertisement text, Moll states: *All within the Blew Colour of this Map, shows what is Claim'd by France under the Names of Louisiana, Mississippi &c. According to a French Map published at Paris with the French King's Privelege. The Yellow Colour what they allow ye English. The Red, Spain....*

The map is one of four large maps of North America by Moll, which distinguished him as the leading English mapmaker of the early 18th Century.

Moll delineates and labels the Margravate of Azilia, which was a proposed colony south of South Carolina, intended as a buffer with the Spanish. Although the colony was suggested in 1717, it did not come to pass and Georgia was founded in 1733.

The present edition has the following imprint details:

Sold by H. Moll over against Devereux Court between Temple Bar and St. Clements Church in the Strand where you may have his New and Compleat Atlas, or Set of Twenty-Seven Two-Sheet Maps, bound or single, All compos'd and done, according to the Newest and most Exact Ovservations.

Sold by Tho. Bowles next ye Chapter House in St. Pauls Curch Yard, John King at ye Globe in ye Poultrej near Stocks Market and John Bowles at the Black Horse in Cornhill.

Detailed Condition:

Old outline color recently refreshed. An unusually nice example, without the additional vertical folds often found in Moll's large maps. Some very expert restoration of the blank margins along with reinstatement of upper left corner neatline (see illustration).