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Carte De la Louisiane par Le Sr. D'Anville Dressee en Mai 1732. Publiee en 1752

Stock#: 55010
Map Maker: d'Anville
Date: 1752
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 36 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

D'Anville's Large Map of The Gulf Coast

Nice example of D'Anville's antique map of the Gulf Coast from the Appalachiola Bay area to around the mouth of the Sabine in Texas, one of the best obtainable large format maps of the region from this period.

D'Anville's map derives from the manuscript maps of Valentin Devin. Devin arrived in Louisiana in January 1719, as part of an expedition to explore and chart the coastline of Louisiana for John Law's Compagnie d'Occident (Company of the West, also known as the Mississippi Company). Over the course of the next decade, Devin would produce a number of important survey maps of the various bays and coastal regions that make up this region, along with some general maps of the coastline between Texas and the Fort Crevecoeur area, which served as the models for this map.

In the east, the map notes Fort Crevecoeur (1717-1722) and a unnamed Spanish Fort (constructed in 1719). The Bays of Pensacola, Mobile and Pacagoula are extensively surveyed and include detailed soundings.

The map notes Biloxi and Vieux (Old) Biloxi (Fort Maurepas), which is identified as the first settlement established in Louisiana in 1699, which would serve as its capital until 1719, when it was relocated to Mobile. Up the Mobile River, Fort Louis is noted, established in 1702 and abandoned in 1711.

The map tracks the Mississippi River, Arkansas River, Red River, Osage River and Missouri Rivers, and includes excellent large inset of the Mississippi River Valley from the Arkansas to above the Missouri Rivers. The detail along the Mississippi, both in the main map and the inset of the northern regions, is quite impressive for the period.

The detail along the Pascagoula River is quite impressive, including some very early Indian Roads, extending inland to Coue-tchitou ou Village du Grand-Chef, Okitbea, Concah, Concha-tchitou, Tchkachae,



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etc.

The detail along the Mobile Rivers is also quite impressive for the time period, extending north to the Riviere de Alibamons and the Alibamons (Alabama) Indian region.

It is known that Thomas Jefferson acquired 7 of D'Anville's maps in 1787, almost certainly, this was one of them. Jefferson commented to Gallatin about the importance of this map. Meriwether Lewis obtained a copy prior to the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

JBB D'Anville was one of the dominant names in French Cartography after 1740, publishing a number of large format maps and made to order atlases, containing the best contemporary information. Most of the information derived from Valentin Devin, who arrived in Pensacola in 1719 (under the auspices of John Law's Company of the West) and began producing highly regarded maps immediately upon his arrival on the Gulf Coast, until expelled by the Spanish after a three year struggle. Devin used his information and materials gathered from Le Maire and others to produce a number of manuscript maps which were sent back to France and resulted in a series of marvelous maps by De L'Isle, Buache and finally D'Anville, whose maps of the Gulf Coast formed the standard for a number of years.

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Detailed Condition: