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Teatre de la Guerre en Amerique telle qu'elle est a present Possedee par les Espagnols, Anglois, Francois, et Hollandois, &c. Nouvellement mis au Jour . . .

Stock#: 56561
Map Maker: Mortier
Date: 1705 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 40 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Theater of War in the Gulf of Mexico During The War of Spanish Succession

Fine example of the first state Pierre Mortier's spectacular map of Florida, the Gulf Coast, Texas, Central America and part of Cuba, published during the War of Spanish Succession (1702-1714).

The first state of the map includes an inset map showing the Island of St. Jean, off the coast of Vera Cruz and primitive coastal detail for the area east of the Orinoco River. The second state includes 4 different inset maps, covering Vera Cruz, Havana, Porto Bello and the Isthmus of Panama, replacing a completely engraved section of the map to the east of the Orinoco River.

The map is a curious amalgam of cartographic information along the Gulf Coast. The source of the Mississippi appears near Corpus Christi, a vestige of La Salle and Franquelin's work in the early 1680s and thereafter followed by Rossi, Coronell, Roillard, De Fer and Morden in the 1690s. However, the eastern Gulf and Florida configuration follows Mount & Page's Chart of the Bay of Mexico, eschewing the archipelago of Florida, which was later followed by Moll in 1715 and later Popple.

A remarkable feature of the map is the enormous, superbly detailed and designed vignette showing full-scale naval battle between the French and Dutch navies. Indian laborers are shown mining gold and silver in the mountains, while on the shore below Europeans pack gold bars and jewels into a treasure chest. The route followed by the Spanish gold and silver fleets is shown, and there is an inset in top right of St. Jean e Lucu offshore the coast of Vera Cruz. Florida is called Tegeste Province on the map.

One of the most decorative maps of the region published in the first half of the 18th Century.



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