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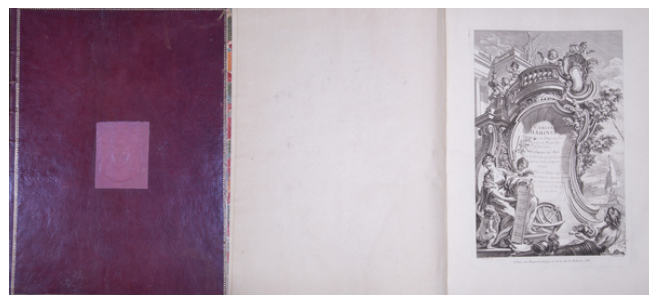
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(Atlas) Cartes marines dressées au deposit des cartes et plans de la marine.

Stock#: 56608
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1754 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19 x 26 inches



Price: SOLD

Description:

Fine atlas bound in full red morocco for the Minister of Marine of France.

In folio (637mm x 480 mm). Engraved title + inset manuscript table of contents within engraved border + 22 double-page engraved maps. Contemporary red morocco gilt, double-fillet, and roll-tooled borders, central coat-of-arms of Jean-Baptiste de Machault d'Arnouville on both sides (coat-of-arms on upper cover overlaid with red glazed paper, the other uncovered with some minor darkening along edges, some light rubbing and minor staining).

First edition. Fine collection of charts by Bellin bound in full red morocco for the French Minister of Marine, with his arms on boards. Jacques Nicolas Bellin was royal hydrographer and *ingénieur géographe de la marine et du Dépôt des Cartes et Plans*, beginning in 1741. The maps are varied in the regions portrayed, including the World, two fine Ocean charts, the Pacific, a remarkable chart of the Philippines, Mexico, Africa, three charts of the Mediterranean, and others.

This copy is bound for Machault d'Arnouville who became Minister of Marine in 1754, after he had lost the support Louis XV and Madame de Pompadour as Controller of Finances. In 1757 he was disgraced and retired, possibly the reason for the overlay of the arms on the binding.

The maps with rhumb lines in black and 8 in bistre, with the coastlines colored by a contemporary hand.

The maps included in this atlas and listed on the manuscript table of contents are:

- 1- Parties connues du globe terrestre, 1748.
- 2- Mers du Nord, 1751, with rhumb lines in bistre.
- 3- L'Océan Occidental, 1742



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- 4- L'Océan Méridional, 1739.
- 5- L'Océan Oriental ou Mer des Indes, 1740.
- 6- Mers du Sud ou Mer Pacifique, 1742.
- 7- Isles Philippines, 1752, with rhumb lines in bistre.
- 8- La Manche, 1749.
- 9- Golphe de Gascogne, 1750.
- 10- Costes d'Espagne et du Portugal, 1751, with rhumb lines in bistre.
- 11- Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique, Première feuille, 1753, with rhumb lines in bistre.
- 12- Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique, Seconde feuille, 1753, with rhumb lines in bistre.
- 13- Coste de Guinée, 1750.
- 14- Coste d'Or, 1750. Single page.
- 15- Costes Occidentales d'Afrique, 1754, with rhumb lines in bistre.
- 16- Golphe du Mexique et des Isles de l'Amérique, 1749.
- 17- L'Isle de Saint-Domingue, 1750, with rhumb lines in bistre.
- 18- Golphe de St-Laurent, 1753, with rhumb lines in bistre.
- 19-21 Mer Méditerranée, 1745. 3 sheets.
- 22- L'Archipel, 1738.

Another volume with Bellin maps bound for Machault d'Arnouville sold in the Wardington sale (Sotheby's London, 18 October, 2006, lot 38), with a note "This is probably one of the earliest collections of charts formed by Bellin after he had taken over the Marine Office and reprinted the Neptune François in 1753. The plates are by order of Monseigneur Le Comte de Maurepas, and his successor M. Rouillé, Chevalier Comte de Jouy, who in turn was succeeded by M. de Machault, around 1754, for whom this copy was bound" (Wardington Catalogue)."

Provenance: Jean-Baptiste de Machault d'Arnouville (1701-1794), French statesman, Controller of Finances, Minister of Marine (arms on binding).

Detailed Condition:

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