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**Amerique Septentrionale dressee sur les Relations plus modernes des Voyageurs et
Navigateurs ou se remarquent Les Etats Unis . . . Pubilee en 1750 et Corrigee en 1783**

Stock#: 61355
Map Maker: de Vaugondy
Date: 1783
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 23.5 x 19.5 inches
Price: \$975.00



Description:

Scarce late state of De Vaugondy's map of North America, published in Paris.

First issued in the 1750s, this edition has been updated to include the newly formed United States.

Florida is shown as an archipelago and the coastline of California is quite curious, with a continuation of the coastline in the inset map showing some of the mythical cartography, such as the Sea of the West and River of the West, which were debated among map scholars and explorers until Captain James Cook dispelled these myths in his three Voyages to the Pacific.

The map also locates the area identified as Fou-sang, reflecting the belief that Chinese mariners may have reached America, the location of the mythical colony of Fou-sang. According to some historians such as Charles Godfrey Leland and Joseph de Guignes (*Le Fou-Sang des Chinois est-il l'Amérique Mémoires de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres*, tome 28, Paris, 1761), the distances given by Hui Shen (20,000 Chinese li) would locate Fou-sang on the west coast of the American continent, near British Columbia.

A nice example of this interesting map.

Detailed Condition: