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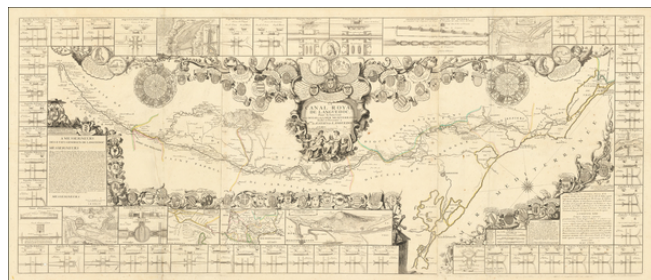
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**Le Canal Royal de Languedoc Pour la Ionction L'Ocean et de la Mer Mediterrane . . .
1697**

Stock#: 61972
Map Maker: Nolin
Date: 1697
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 57 x 23.5 inches
Price: \$1,400.00



Description:

A Grand Map of the Canal du Midi

Nice example of Jean Baptiste Nolin's monumental map of the Canal du Midi, published in 1697.

This remarkable separately issued map provides a detailed contemporary look at one of the largest western engineering projects in the 17th century.

The Canal du Midi, originally called the Canal Royale du Languedoc, was built through southwestern France to connect the Mediterranean with the Atlantic. Extending for 150 miles, it ran from the port of Sete on the Mediterranean to Toulouse on the Garonne River. The project was approved by Royal Decree of Louis XIV in 1666 and took nearly 20 years to complete. It was unquestionably the largest civil engineering project in seventeenth century Europe.

The map includes 58 insets and 59 coats of arms of the men associated with the construction of the canal, along with a history of the project.

Detailed Condition: