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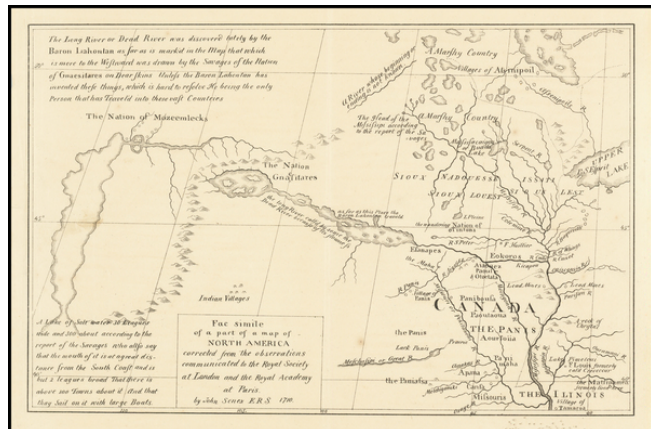
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Facsimile of a part of a map of North America corrected from the observations communicated to the Royal Society at London and the Royal Academy at Paris. By John Senex, F.R.S. 1710

Stock#: 62208
Map Maker: Senex / Stansbury
Date: 1710 (1852)
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9.5 x 6 inches
Price: \$125.00



Description:

Section of John Senex's map of the Upper Midwest, Upper Mississippi River and the regions drained by several mythical Rivers, based upon and earlier map by John Senex.

The map appeared in Stansbury's *Exploration And Survey Of The Valley Of The Great Salt Lake of Utah, Including A Reconnaissance of a New Route Through The Rocky Mountains Senate Special Session, March 1851,*

The map focuses on the discoveries of Baron Lahontan, based upon his travel narrative.

Lahontan's maps and most notably the map showing a western River extending to the Pacific, were among the most influential of all mythical cartographic works of North America, effecting the cartographic landscape of the upper Mississippi, Plains and Rocky Mountain Regions, for nearly 50 years.

Lahontan's maps were issued in *Memoires de l'Amerique Septentrionale ou la Suite des Voyages*, one of the most influential and fanciful works of its time. The map depicts the Longue flowing from the mountains in the west (Rocky Mountains), home to the Gnacsitares Indians, and connecting to the Mississippi River. On the western side of the mountains is another river, presumably flowing into the Pacific.

Lahontan's concept was copied by virtually all 18th-century cartographers, including Moll, Senex, Popple, and Delisle, thus perpetuating the myth.



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Detailed Condition: