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L'America Divisa Ne' Suoi Principali Stati Di Nuova Projezione [Shows New Zealand and Cook's Tracks]

Stock#: 64272
Map Maker: Zatta

Date: 1776
Place: Venice
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 16 x 12 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking 18th Century map of North and South America, with decorative cartouche.

The map includes a notation of a Chinese Colony based upon Hui Shen's supposed voyage of 499 AD, in the area which would roughly be Puget Sound. This is one of the few maps which notes the supposed Chinese contact with the west coast of North America, which is reported upon in a number of generally discredited sources (most recently Menzies' 1421). The map shows several unusual projections of the Nothwest Passage, based upon reports from the Russian explorations recently published in the Royal Academy of Sciences in Paris, although not consistent with the reports of J.N. De L'Isle.

North America is projected far too widce, with a number of long rivers extending from the Oregon and Washington Coasts to nearly the Mississippi. Salt Lake (Lago Salado) appears in the central continent, due to the misprojection of the western coast. Lots of Indian Tribes noted. New Zealand and the tracks of Cook's voyage of 1768-71 are noted, including Cook's navigation between the major islands of New Zealand.

Issued as part of Zatta's *Atlante Novissimo*, one of the last great decorative atlases.

Detailed Condition: