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Totius Americae Septentrionalis et Meridionalis Novissima Representatio quam ex fingulis Geographorum Tabulis collecta luci publicae accommodavit

Stock#: 64369
Map Maker: Homann

Date: 1720 circa
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 19 inches

Price: Not Available



Description:

Fine example of Johann Baptiste Homann's decorative map of America, the first of two maps of America published by the Homann family.

This is the second state of the map, which includes a long northwest Coast of America, which is called "Costa Terrae Borealis incognitae detecta a Dom: Ioanne de Gama navigante ex China in Novam Hispaniam." The map provides credit for the discovery of this coastline to João de Gama (1540-1591). João da Gama, the grandson of Vasco da Gama, was a Portuguese explorer and colonial administrator in the Far East, during the last quarter of the 16th century. Da Gama sailed from Macau to the northeast and rounded Japan by north, crossing the Pacific Ocean at the northernmost latitudes. The lands northeast of Japan, which João da Gama discovered, were the subject of legend and speculation in the centuries that followed, inspiring its search by European powers.

Good detail throughout the map, especially in the southwest and near the Great Lakes, which were then actively being explored by the French fur traders and Hudson's Bay Company.

Detailed Condition: