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## Nouveau Mexique et Californie

**Stock#:** 65305  
**Map Maker:** Mallet  
**Date:** 1686  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 4 x 6 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Fine, Distinct Map of the Island of California*

Striking and exciting map of California as an island, one of the few maps to focus closely on the California region exclusively.

First published in Paris in 1683, Mallet's map is notable because it follows neither the better known Sanson or Briggs models of California as an island. The island is long and thin, with a craggy western coast. Several place names are included near the coast, including *Pto. S. Francisco Draco*, a reference to Drake's visit to California during his circumnavigation of 1577-1580.



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To the north are *Terres Inconnues*, or unknown lands. There is a nice depiction of the Channel Island as well. A toponym of particular note is *D. d' Anian*, the Strait of Anian, a chimerical route for the Northwest Passage.

The map is adorned with a title cartouche that is flanked by an indigenous family and parrots. At sea, a fierce sea battle is underway, with cannons blazing.

**Detailed Condition:**