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Stock#: 65680
Map Maker: Sanson

Date: 1657 (1683)
Place: Utrecht
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10 x 8 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Sanson's map of California and the Southwest, the first regional map of America to show California as an Island.

Prior to this map, all maps with California shown as an Island were either World maps, Western Hemisphere, North America, Pacific Ocean or some substantially larger geographical region.

The region illustrated was still largely unknown. The Rio Grande is shown flowing into the Sea of Cortez, an error which would not be corrected until Nicolosi's map. A number of New Mexican Villages are shown, including Taos and Santa Fe, along with several bands of Apache Indians. The Moqui, Zuni and Navajo names also appear.

This is the earliest map to show the so-called Second Sanson Model of insular California (two bays shown in Northernmost portion of the island). Nomenclature is a combination of Blaeu and Sanson and includes Cibola, Reg Coromedo and Lago de Oro, along with a reference to Pto. de Francisco Draco. California includes many early place names, such as San Diego, San Francisco, Canal de S. Barbara, Point Concepcion, Cape Mendocino, Point Reyes and a curiously located "Punta de Monte Rey," well north of its correct location.

The peninsula above California is a curious and unexplained addition. Quivira is also shown, but located in eastern New Mexico, far from its normal location on the Northwest Coast.

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This example is the 1683 Ribbius edition, with the line break in the title between "Abbe" and "ville"

A seminal map, which influenced California Cartography for the next 50 years. A cornerstone map for California collectors.

Detailed Condition: