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North America Corrected From The Observations Communicated to The Royal Society of London and The Royal Academy of Paris . . . 1710

Stock#: 66128
Map Maker: Senex
Date: 1710
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 26 x 38 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Annotated In English By An Early Owner

One of the earliest large-scale English maps of North America, incorporating the best available French and English sources.

The map represents a British attempt to consolidate new information about the region and borrows data from such recently published sources as Delisle's landmark *Carte du Mexique et de la Floride* and *Carte de la Canada*. Senex improves upon this work with a fine depiction of the Great Lakes region and the most accurate definition of the lower Mississippi River and its delta by an English cartographer of the period.



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Several of the most important and controversial cartographic discoveries of the period are discussed at length, including Lahontan's mythical Long River and the Salt Lake east of the Country of the Mozeemleck's, both of which are also depicted in remarkable (albeit fanciful) detail.

Sir William Phipps's discovery of Spanish wrecks off the coast of the Caicos and Southern Bahamas is noted. Senex also extended the map's coverage to the Canadian Arctic and the Terra Incognita above Baffin's Bay. Present-day Oklahoma and Texas are part of La Floride, considered at the time to be a possession of the French. The Red River and the Indian villages of east Texas are portrayed accurately, but Senex, following Delisle, incorrectly placed many Texas rivers, in addition to depicting some strange and unrecognizable names.

Early English Annotations

The present map has been extensively annotated, with contemporary hand written notes in the Caribbean, Bermuda, Cape Breton, St. John's Island (Prince Edward Island) and Newfoundland. The most extensive note below the lower right margin notes:

Curassou [Curacao]: The produce of this small island in time peace is supposed to Bring in to the Dutch £500,000 a year, and in time of war much more.

See the unmistakable advantages of its Situation in G???'s Grammar, Vo. 2. Pgs 476 from which the Content of the several islands are taken.

Known States of Senex's Map

The map has 5 currently recognized states:

1. Stevens & Tree 61a. "By John Senex, Cha. Price & John Maxwell, Geographers 1710".
2. Unrecorded state. "By John Senex and John Maxwell Geographers 1710".
3. Stevens & Tree 61a*. "By John Senex F. R. S. 1710". Price & Maxwell's name deleted from the title. No Imprint beneath the scales in the bottom left corner. (1710)
4. Stevens & Tree 61b. "By John Senex F. R. S. 1710". Price & Maxwell's name deleted from the title. Imprint added, "Printed for T. Bowles 1710." (1710)
5. Stevens & Tree 61c. Includes the imprint of T. Bowles, J. Bowles & Robert Sayer. [1750 ca]



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Detailed Condition:

Minor repairs along margins. Several repaired tears in entering the printed image.