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Stock#: 66935
Map Maker: d'Anville
Date: 1771 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 31 inches (binding)
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Fine Example of D'Anville's General Atlas

A complete set of D'Anville's maps as catalogued in his *Cartes Geographiques de M. D'Anville*, in an original green binding. The atlas consists of 30 maps on 36 folding sheets, bound in a tall original binding with original ties.

This is the deluxe presentation of the atlas, which can also be found in a smaller binding with only double page and single page sheets (typically 30 maps on 47 sheets).

The present atlas is D'Anville's one comprehensive set of maps of the world, ancient and modern, the result of meticulous work and rigorous standards that would characterize his life as a mapmaker and geographer.

Jean Baptiste Bourguignon D'Anville

Jean Baptiste Bourguignon D'Anville's work as a mapmaker is of monumental importance. D'Anville was the first truly scientific mapmaker, strongly preferring to omit any information that could not be confirmed to his rigorous specifications. His work as a geographer and cartographer greatly improved the standards of map-making. His maps of ancient geography, characterized by careful, accurate work and based largely on original research, are especially valuable.

One of his personal scientific crusades was to reform geography by putting an end to the blind copying of older maps, by testing the commonly accepted positions of places through a rigorous examination of all the descriptive authority, and by excluding from cartography every name inadequately supported. Vast



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spaces, which had before been bordered with countries and cities, were thus suddenly reduced mostly to a blank.

D'Anville's historical method was first truly appreciated with his 1743 map of Italy, which first indicated numerous errors in the mapping of that country and was accompanied by a valuable *mémoire* (a novelty in such work), showing in full the sources of the design. A trigonometrical survey which Benedict XIV soon after had made in the papal states strikingly confirmed the French geographer's results. In his later years D'Anville did yeoman service for ancient and medieval geography, revolutionizing the former by mapping anew the chief countries of the pre-Christian civilizations (especially Egypt), and by his *Mémoire et abrégé de géographie ancienne et générale* and his *États formés en Europe après la chute de l'empire romain en occident* (1771). His last work for the French Crown consisted in arranging his collection of maps, plans and geographical materials, the most extensive in Europe during the period, which was purchased by the King and survives intact today at the Bibliothèque National de France.

D'Anville's Atlas

While issued without a title page, the present work includes a catalog of maps (pasted down to sheet #25 as noted below) and was in fact the "complete" set of maps for D'Anville's general atlas.

The maps in this Atlas include:

1. Hemisphere Occidentale ou du Nouveau Monde . . . (and) Hemisphere Orientale ou du Nouveau Monde . . . MDCCLXI
2. Premiere Partie de la Carte D'Europe . . .
3. Second Partie de la Carte D'Europe . . .
4. Troisième Partie de la Carte D'Europe . . .
5. Premiere Partie de la Carte D'Asie . . .
6. Seconde Partie de la Carte D'Asie . . .
7. Troisième Partie de la Carte D'Asie . . .
8. Afrique . . . (northern sheet)
9. Afrique . . . (southern sheet)
10. Amerique Septentrionale (northern sheet)
11. Amerique Septentrionale (southern sheet)
12. Amerique Meridionale (northern sheet)
13. Amerique Meridionale (southern sheet)
14. L'Italie
15. Les Cotes de la Grece et L'Archipel . . .
16. Carte de L'Inde (northern sheet)



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17. Carte de L'Inde (southern sheet)
18. Coromandel . . . Janvier 1753
19. Essai d'une Nouvelle Carte de la Mer Caspienne
20. Golfe Arabique ou Mer Rouge
21. Egypte nommee dans le pays Missir . . . MDCCLXV
22. Carte Particuliere de la Cote Occidentale de L'Afrique Depuis le Cap Blanc jusqu'au Cap de Verga et du Cours des Rivières de Senega et de Gambie . . .
23. Canada Louisiane et Terres Angloises . . . MDCCLV (northern sheet)
24. Canada Louisiane et Terres Angloises . . . MDCCLV (southwestern sheet)
25. Le Fleuve Saint-Laurent (St. Lawrence River sheet) (with paste down Table of Contents on sheet #25)
26. Carte de la Louisiane . . . Dressee en Mai 1732. Publiee en 1752.
27. Orbis Veteribus Notus
28. Orbis Romani Pars Occidentalis . . .
29. Orbis Romani Pars Orientalis . . .
30. Gallia Antiqua
31. Tabula Italiae Antiquae Geographica . . .
32. Graciae Antiquae
33. Asia, quae vulgo Minor dicitur, et Syria . . .
34. La Palestine
35. Aegyptus Antiqua
36. Germanie, France, Italiae, Espagne, Isles Britanniques . . .

An unusually fine example in a tall original binding.

Detailed Condition: