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Stock#: 69682
Map Maker: Mallet
Date: 1683
Place: Paris
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 so closely on the California region.

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.

To the north are *Terres Inconnues*, or unknown lands. There is a nice depiction of the Channel Island as



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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: