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[California as an Island - First State!] Totius Americae Septentrionalis et Meridionalis Novissima Representatio . . .

Stock#: 69781
Map Maker: Homann
Date: 1710
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22.5 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the first edition of Johann Baptiste Homann's map of America, showing California as an Island on the second Sanson model and pre-dating Homann's privilege.

The Straits of Anian are shown forming a Northwest Passage between California and the mythical Terra Esonis, which forms a nearly continuous land bridge from the Northwest to Asia. The Pays de Moozemleck is shown east of the Straits of Anian. This landmark remains virtually unchanged through all of Homann's maps of America, despite the transition to a peninsular California, resulting in an odd change from a coastal to an apparently landlocked position for this landmark.

The Great Lakes are shown with some detail. The Mississippi River shows the results of the early French Jesuit explorations, with its sources extending far North of the limits of the maps produced 20 and 30 years earlier, although Le Moyne's mythical lake in the Southeastern United States remains.

The title cartouche is based upon De Fer's landmark map of 1699. The top cartouche is based upon De L'Isle's 1703 map of Canada.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Some foxing in the margins and soiling at the lower centerfold. Repaired tear from the centerfold northwest into the Pacific - see illustration.