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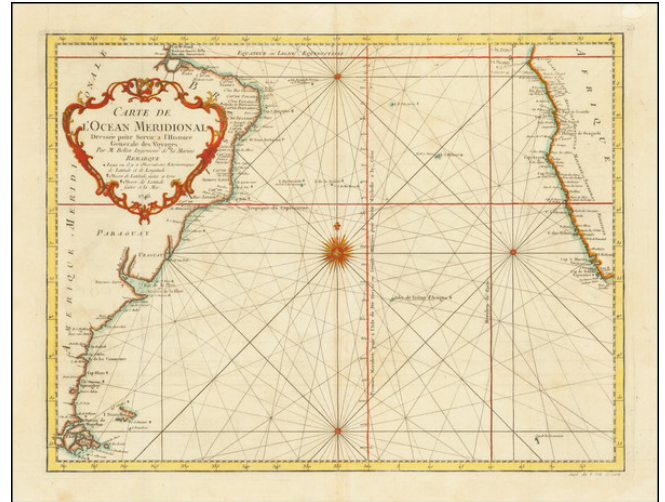
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Carte de l'Ocean Meridional Dressee pour Servir a l'Histoire Generale des Voyages

Stock#: 70851
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1746
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Antique engraved map of the southern Atlantic Ocean, by Jacques Nicolas Bellin, the foremost French chartmaker of the 18th century.

The map covers all of the eastern South American coast from Cape Horn to the mouth of the Amazon. In Africa, the map covers the coast from the Cape of Good Hope to the Gabon River.

An interesting note in the cartouche relates to the difficulty of making completely accurate observations of latitude and (particularly) longitude in the early 18th century.

The star denotes locations where the latitude and longitude have been derived from astronomical observations.

The single cross denotes locations where latitude was observed from land. The double cross denotes where latitude was observed from sea.

Detailed Condition: