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Amerique Septentrionale Par. N. De Fer

Stock#: 73033
Map Maker: de Fer
Date: 1689 (?)
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6 x 5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Island of California Rarity

Rare map of North America, showing California as an island.

Little is known about this map. McLaughlin dated in 1689 and was unable to locate the source.

The 5 Great Lakes are rendered with some level of modern accuracy, but there is no sign of the Mississippi River. There is significant detail in Canada and in the area of the Rio Grande, which is shown flowing into the Gulf of California.

Terre de Iesso (Japan) is shown northwest of California. The map references Henry Briggs and Port Nelson at the west side of Hudson's Bay.

It seems clear that there must have been an earlier edition of the map, as many of the place names appear to be modified and re-engraved.

Rarity

This is the first example of the map we have ever seen on the market.

Detailed Condition: