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A New Map of North America, with the West India Islands, Divided according to the Preliminary Articles of Peace, Signed at Versailles, 20 Jan. 1783, wherein are particularly Distinguished The United States, and the Several Provinces, Governments &ca, which Compose the British Dominions . . . 1783

Stock#: 73506
Map Maker: Sayer & Bennett

Date: 1783
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 46 x 40 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Full Original Color Example!

Striking full original color example of this monumental 4-sheet map of North America, issued during the negotiations for a final Treaty of Peace between the United States and England.

Originally issued separately by Bowen & Gibson in 1755, this influential wall map of North America was periodically updated following the conclusion of the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. Beginning in 1775, the map was included in some of the most influential American Atlases of the era, including those issued by Jefferys, Faden and Sayer & Bennett.

Also beginning in the late 1770s, the map was updated to include surveys compiled by Governor George Pownall, including information from Evans' and other indigenous sources. Included on the map is an inset of Hudson's Bay and an inset based upon Fra. Eusebio Kino's explorations to the mouth of the Colorado River.

The map is packed with Indian placenames in the west, forts along the Mississippi and west of the Appalachians and full complement of annotations on early roads, explorations and other geographically



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specific facts. The title cartouche has been strengthened from previous issues and features fine cross-hatching of the Indian figures and animals.

The title "United States" appears on the portion of North America allocated by the 1783 Treaty, while in the top right corner of the upper sheet is a four-line note about the coast of Labrador and Article III of the Treaty.

The map is known in at least 12 states between 1755 and 1798. The present example is Stevens & Tree 79(i), the first state to be completely updated following the cessation of active hostilities between the American and British Armies, but before the signing of a final peace treaty. This state of the map can be identified by the inclusion of the 1783 date in both the title cartouche and in the credit line at the bottom of the scale of miles (August 15, 1783).

Rarity

While the map is not rare on the market, it is very unusual to see it in such fine original color.

Detailed Condition:

Full original color