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Carte de la Coste D'Arabie, Mer Rouge et Golfe de Perse . . . 1740

Stock#: 73580
Map Maker: Bellin

Date: 1757
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 10 x 8.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Appearances of Katara on a Printed Map of the 18th Century

Nice example of Bellin's fine map of the Arabian Peninsula, which includes and early reference to Katara, the modern state of Qatar.

Includes an elaborate cartouche and detailed charting of the coastline of the Arabian Peninsula, Red Sea, Straits of Ormuz, etc. The Red Sea is alternatively named "Mer Rouge ou Golf d'Arabie."

The map shows Al Katif, I. Bahrayn (Bahrain), Katara (Qatar), and the "Perl Bank". Julfar is named (Ras Al Khaimah), but curiously mislocated to the south. The reference to Katara is of note.

While Katara or Catara had appeared on Ptolemaic maps dating the the 15th Century and before, the name was typically associated with the ancient usage of Ptolemy. Here, it appears on a modern map which is no longer intended to show ancient placenames.

<u>Katara</u>

The name Katara or Catara is the earliest recorded name for the area around the modern state of Qatar.

The name "Catara" began appearing as a name for the Qatar Peninsula in geographic and historical maps in about 150 A.D by the Alexandrian geographer Claudius Ptolemaeus in 150 AD. The name also appeared

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in the *Atlas of the History of Islam*. The town appeared northwest of Gerra or near it, and to the west of the town of Cadara.

The use of the name Catara or Katara was largely abandoned until the 18th Century, when it began to re-appear on printed maps.

Detailed Condition:
Some stains and offsetting, as illustrated.