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The Isle of California, New Mexico, Louisiane, The River Misisipi and the Lakes of Canada...

Stock#: 75890
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1701
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 7 x 6.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Unusual map of California and the West, extending eastwards to the Mississippi River Valley, Hudson's Bay, and the coast of an obliquely slanting Florida. This Moll map of the Isle of California is one of the more remarkable maps from his *System of Geography*. It captures a tremendous amount of detail uncommon in a smaller format map.

California is shown as an island, with over a dozen place names. The Straits of Anian, projecting a Northwest Passage to the Atlantic, is also shown.



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The cartography of the Southwest is remarkable if for no other reason than the certainty of the detail stands in stark contrast with just how little was actually known about the region. The extent of the Missouri River is especially interesting in this regard. A note at the source of the Mississippi states that the Arms of France are cut into this tree, with the tree drawn at a not particularly precise location. A northern Recollet Mission is also shown in the same region. Many Indian tribes and villages, early French and English forts, settlements in the Great Lakes regions, and other features are shown.

Detailed Condition:

Minor dampstaining and toning. Early ink graffiti in the top blank margin.