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[Shows Guernsey and Jersey] Duche et Gouverement De Normandie. . . 166-

Stock#: 75983
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1660
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative early regional map of Normandie, with an elaborate cartouche and attractive hand-coloring. This map, by the important French cartographer Nicolas Sanson, shows the northern coast of France from westernmost Brittany all the way to Calais in the far north of the country. The map includes a scale bar as well as latitude and longitude bearings.

Detail on this map is extensive, with many forests, towns, rivers, marshes, and more all shown on land. Detail is shown on the southern English coast, where Portland, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Brighton, and Hastings can all be identified. Guernsey and Jersey are shown with St. Helier and several other cities in the Channel Islands are labeled.

While Normandie is best known outside of France for being the location of the D-Day landings, Normandy has a rich history within France. During the 17th century, it was an important center of trade, and many French New World colonists, particularly in Canada, were from Normandy.

Sanson's maps are renowned for their accuracy and the number of features they show, and they are some of the earliest regional maps of France to be published in France with such high quality.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline. Trimmed at or close to neatline and mounted on a sheet of contemporary paper (when included in an early composite atlas).