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## L'Amerique Septentrionale ou se remarquent Les Etats Unis... 1783

**Stock#:** 7601  
**Map Maker:** Brion de la Tour / Esnauts & Rapilly  
**Date:** 1783  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 29 x 20 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Landmark American map, regarded as the first map to name the United States (offered here with an unrecorded mapseller's medallion).

This map and Lattre's map of 1783 are the earliest to use the name Etats-Unis (United States) in the title of the map. This rare separately issued map was revised to include the name Etats-Unis and include information from the Treaty of Paris, which ended the American Revolution. The second edition includes tremendous new detail, both in the Colonies and along the NW Coast of America, where Cook's voyage and tracks are noted, along with the route of the Spanish Manilla Galleons along the West Coast. Main (sic) is named, although not yet a colony. East and West Florida are shown. The Carolinas and Virginia still extend to the Mississippi. Highly detailed depictions of the various Indian lands on both sides of the Mississippi. The remnants of the mythical River of the West are shown, with its terminus in Lake Ouinipignon (Winnepeg). The map is a wonderful mix of updated information and perpetuated myth. Highly detailed allegorical cartouche shows America nurturing two Putti, with allegorical scenes referencing commerce and the fur trade.

Only one appearance of the 1783 edition of this map in a dealer catalogue has been noted in the past 20 years (Arkway, Catalogue 49). This example is unique, bearing an extra medallion pasted down above the cartouche noting that the map is available from Chez Desnos in Paris.

### Detailed Condition: