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L'Amerique Septentrionale et les Terres Polaires Arctique . . . (California shown as an Island)

Stock#: 79673
Map Maker: de Fer
Date: 1705
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 11 x 8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of De Fer's scarce map of North America, first published in Paris in 1693.

The map provides a fine elegant depiction of the prevailing cartographical knowledge of North America at the end of the 17th Century.

There is a precise depiction of the polar regions of Canada, a somewhat exaggerated by basically accurate depiction of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Region and classic straight line depiction of the Mississippi River, based upon the reports of French Jesuit missionaries and explorers in the second half of the 17th Century.

California is shown as an island on the Sanson model. The mouth of the Mississippi is pushed into Texas, a legacy of La Salle's early reports, and the Carolinas now appear on the map. One curious feature is the depiction of Mobile in the area of modern Tennessee.

In the north, there is a vast region listed as "Cette Region est toute a suite Inconnue" (the whole of the region is unknown).

Detailed Condition: