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Carte de L'Amerique Corrigee, et augmentee dessus toutes les aultres cy devant faictes par P. Bertius

Stock#: 80111
Map Maker: Tavernier / Bertius
Date: 1627
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately published map of America, published by Melchior Tavernier in Paris in 1627.

Tavernier's map of America is one of several rare separately issued French maps of America, based upon the Jodocus Hondius map of 1618. Tavernier was one of the leading Paris publishers of the early 17th Century. According to Burden, "this rare map is one of a set of the four known continents that Melchior Tavernier had engraved, with or without Petrus Bertius' permission is unclear." Burden identifies Cornelis Danckerts (the elder) as the engraver. The map includes one very important change from the Hondius map, the completion of the Southern Coastline of Tierra del Fuego.

The map provides a remarkable early image of America, including the curious bulge along along the coastline between the Chesapeake (Chesepioc) and C. de S. Roman. The Northwest Coast of America is quite remarkably projected. There is no sign of the Great Lakes. A mountain range runs from East to West for nearly half of the North American continent.

In New Spain, there are hints of the 7 Cities of Cibola (Sept) and the Rio Grand is quite prominently shown flowing into the Gulf of California, not the Gulf of Mexico. The known limits of the Mississippi River are quite limited and in fact there are two rivers shown, along with a curious projection for Florida. California is not shown as a island, reflecting the fact that the Dutch and French map makers had not yet widely adopted this myth. The early search for the Northwest passage is in evidence, with a nice depiction of Hudson's Bay and the various bays and straits to the north.



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The two polar insets elegantly detail the known and mythical details of these regions, with a hint of Terre Antarctique Incognue (the unknown southern lands still prominently depicted).

States of the Map and Rarity

Burden notes two states of the map, this first state and a later edition of 1640, which add Neuf Amsterdam, Pleymouth, Accadie, S. Augustino and other details in the northeast and N. Albion and Quivira in the western parts of North America.

The map is rare on the market, especially in such fine condition.

Detailed Condition: