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Paul et Virginie avec le Gouverneur.

Stock#: 80303
Map Maker: Tessari
Date: 1820 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.75 x 12 inches (including text)
Price: \$ 375.00



Description:

Delightful early 19th-century color-printed and hand-colored copperplate engraving showing a scene from the ever-popular book *Paul et Virginie* by Jacques-Henri Bernardin de Saint-Pierre, published on the eve of the French Revolution. This book continues to be widely read and appreciated for its critique of the artificial class divisions found in eighteenth-century France.

The image shows a lunch scene on the island of Mauritius, in which Paul and Virginie eat with the governor. A slave is tasked with making silk in the background, and the jungle springs up around the family. Text at the bottom of the image recaps the story.

This image was published as part of a set of six scenes drawn by Michele Lambart and engraved by Duthe. These images continue to be popular to the modern-day, with surrealist editions having been issued.

Detailed Condition:

Color-printed in the À la poupée method, finished by hand. Some even toning in paper. Some archival tape around edges on verso. Minor loss to original paper in lower left. Some repaired tears.