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Carte du Lac de Geneve et des Montagne Adiacentes [on sheet with] Carte Particuliere des Glaciers du Faucigny et des environs to Mont blanc

Stock#: 82883
Map Maker: Saussure
Date: 1779
Place: Neuchâtel / Genève
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 16.7 x 8.4 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce map of the mountains and glaciers in the area of Geneva and Mont Blanc, which appeared in Horace-Bénédict de Saussure's *Voyages dans les Alpes : précédés d'un essai sur l'histoire naturelle des environs de Genève*. This is an attempted definitive mapping of this Alpine region which saw high-level scientific surveying throughout the 19th and even the early 20th centuries.

The map includes a credit noting that the map is drawn from the work of Borgonio, likely a reference to Giovanni Tommaso Borgonio's monumental 25-sheet map of the Kingdom of Sardinia. However, Saussure suggests that Borgonio was incorrect in some of the locations that he used. Saussure purports to correct them here.

The main map follows the Rhone through Lake Geneva and looks southwards as far as Annecy. The inset map gives a very detailed look at the mountains around Faucigny and the Mont Blanc region. An index in the lower right gives the elevations of major mountains.

The *Voyage dans les Alpes* was an important text about the mountain chain published by Saussure, a professor of physics and philosophy at Geneva. He was a leading early petrologist, and the *Voyage* was the collation of his works on his scientific discovery of the region.

Detailed Condition:

Folding. Rough edges, with a lacking corner in the lower left. Uneven toning to top of map. Tab and some minor offsetting in the lower right from inclusion in a book. Minor tear into map in the right of the map. Good to VG.