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Hemisphere Septentrional pour voir plus distinctement Les Terres Arctiques . . . 1714

Stock#: 8931
Map Maker: De L'Isle
Date: 1714
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Handsome map showing the world using the North Pole as the center point of hemisphere and extending to the Equator. Cartographically, this means of projection has the opposite effect of the Mercator projection. The Mercator projection inflates land masses at the northern and southern extremes while showing regions closer to the Equator correctly. This projection shows the Polar regions correctly and distorts Equatorial lands. California is shown as a peninsula. Japan is still in a fairly early stage of cartography, and the northeast coast of Russia has not yet been charted out to its full extent. However, it is the blank spaces that show one of the major steps achieved here; De L'Isle is little given to speculation about what has not been proven by actual exploration. His approach is emblematic of the more scientific approach taken in cartography during the 18th Century. A fine wide margined example of this first state of the map, which would be re-issued and updated for nearly a century.

Detailed Condition: