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L'Amerique Meridionale Et Septentrionale . . . 1717

Stock#: 93711
Map Maker: de Fer
Date: 1717
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13 x 9 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Attractive example of De Fer's desirable map of the Americas.

In North America, California is shown as an Island with coastal names. Early Great Lakes configuration. Mississippi too far to the west. Several rivers extend to the Rockies from the Mississippi. Oversized and interesting South America.

This issue is from de Fer's *Introduction a la Geographie...* The map is adorned with three decorative cartouches, reflecting the artistic sensibilities of the time. These cartouches frame the title of the map, a key for interpreting various symbols used throughout, with the title cartouche surmounted by a coat of arms representing the French monarchy, a stark reminder of the colonial ambitions that drove the era's explorations and mapmaking.

Nicholas de Fer (1646-1720) was the youngest son of Parisian print and map seller, Antoine de Fer [d.1673]. He became an official geographer to both French and Spanish kings. Nicholas de Fer was one of the most prolific and influential French geographers and cartographers of the late 17th and early 18th Century.

Detailed Condition: