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(Southeast United States) Carte de la partie sud, des Etats Unis de L' amerique septentrionale [Map of the southern part of the United States of North America]

Stock#: 98738
Map Maker: Bonne
Date: 1787
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.5 x 8.5 inches
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

Early Map of the Southeast

Produced by Rigobert Bonne in 1787, *Carte de la partie sud, des Etats Unis de L' amerique septentrionale* provides a detailed depiction of the Southeast of the newly-formed United States, covering Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia. Published only a few years after the conclusion of the American Revolution, Bonne's map illustrates a fledgling South that has yet to expand westward.

The map is perhaps most noteworthy for its eccentric internal borders, which bear precious little relationship to the real outlines of the Southeastern states at the time. South Carolina in particular has an unrecognizable northern border and a southern border that seems inaccurately placed as well. (Augusta sits well into South Carolina?)

The map highlights prominent towns of the late 18th century, such as Charleston, Williamsburg, and Savannah, which were key to trade, politics, and culture. The map also features a plethora of rivers, reflecting their crucial role in commerce, transportation, and settlement during the colonial and early Federal periods, serving as vital conduits for yeoman farmers to transport crops to market and receive goods from ports. These waterways' significance in the development of the South is likely the reason for their detailed illustration.

To the west of the detailed territories, beyond the Appalachian Mountains, the map depicts a vast expanse of undrawn land labeled as "les Cherokees." This label highlights the contemporary situation between the Cherokee Nation and the United States government, which had agreements to respect established



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territorial boundaries. Historical events such as the War of 1812 and the forced relocation of the Cherokee people during the 1830s, known as the Trail of Tears, indicate that these boundaries were not maintained in the following years.

Detailed Condition: