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Mappe-Monde, ou Carte Generale De La Terre, Divisee En Deux Hemispheres 1728 [Wall Map]

Stock#: t0090
Map Maker: de Fer / Benard
Date: 1700 (1728)
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 27 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The sixth and final state of De Fer's rare wall map of the world, first published in 1700. The text notes that the map is a reduction of De Fer's 4 sheet wall map of the world, first issued in 1695. De Fer states that this map is the first map to be prepared based upon the astronomical observations of the Royal Academy of Sciences. In fact, it would appear that different sources entirely have been consulted for California, Japan and Australia. Australia is shown as substantially incomplete and still attached to new Guinea. New Zealand appears in partial outline. The conjectural land bridge from Asia to America is still in evidence. The Mississippi River has its confluence with the Gulf of Mexico considerably west of its true course, based upon La Salle's erroneous reports. There are many more place names on this 2 sheet edition of the wall map. The scientific comenatary is quite remarkable and detailed. Engraved by Van Loon Vignettes show thunder, lightening, tempests and tides, volcanoes, etc. Celestial observations are shown at the top. A nice example of this rare two sheet map of the world, given an R rating by Shirley (#600). No example has been offered in a dealer catalogue in the past 10 years. Minor restorations at centerfold, but in all a gorgeous example.

Detailed Condition: