Carte des lacs du Canada. Dressee sur les manuscrits du Depost des cartes plans et journaux de la marine et sur le journal du RP. de Charlevoix ...
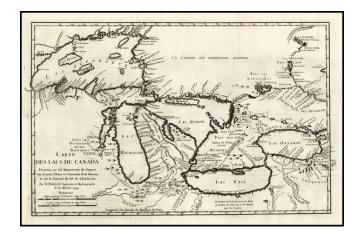
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Description:

Seminal early map of the Great Lakes, including one of the earliest appearances of Detroit, the Port of Chicago and several mythical islands in Lake Superior, which appeared for the next 100 years on various maps. The map was produced for Charlevoix's *Histoire et description générale de la Nouvelle France*. The map was compiled from the Chaussegros de Lery manuscripts and is also noteworthy for the fictious mountain range in Michigan. Rich with Indian information, notes, early french forts and other early features.

A scarce early map to focus on the Great Lakes. The first obtainable example, preceded only by a 1742 proof copy noted by Kershaw. In 1720 the Duke of Orleans sent the Jesuit scholar and explorer Pierre François-Xavier de Charlevoix to America to record events in New France and Louisiana and determine the best route to the Pacific Ocean. Charlevoix gathered geographic information from fur traders in Quebec and traveled through the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi River. After he returned to France, Charlevoix published his views on North America in his *Histoire et description générale de la Nouvelle France,* which has become one of hte most important works on North America during the period prior to the French & Indian (Seven Years) War.

Thomas Jefferson owned a copy of Charlevoix's *Histoire et description générale* and recommended it, along with the accounts of Hennepin and Lahontan, as a "particularly useful species of reading." He referred to Charlevoix's book as he developed his own ideas of Louisiana and the Northwest.

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