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Carte Du Mexique et de la Floride des Terres Angloises et des Isles Antilles du Cours et des Environs de la Riviere Mississippi . . . 1703

Stock#: 20531
Map Maker: De L'Isle
Date: 1703
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG-
Size: 25.5 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare first edition, second state of the first printed map to accurately depict the course and mouth of the Mississippi River. De L'Isle's *Carte du Mexique* is drawn from the reports brought back to France from the survivor's of the La Salle expedition into the interior of North America and from information derived from the explorations of Bienville and d'Iberville.

Wheat called the map a towering landmark along the path of Western cartographic development. De L'Isle's map also includes greater accuracy in the Great Lakes region and in its depiction of English settlements along the East Coast. Excellent detail of the Indian villages in East Texas, based upon the reports of Iberville and the Spanish missionaries. The best depiction of the Southwest to date, w/ early trails & Indian tribes. Cumming described the map as profoundly influential.

The first edition bears De L'Isle's first address on Rue Des Canettes, which was later changed to Quai de l'Horloge in the second state. One of the most important and influential maps of the region during the early 18th Century.

Detailed Condition:

Minor loss of printed image where greens have oxidized near New England and Gulf of California, archivally re-inforced on verso.