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## Afrique selon les Relations les plus Nouvelles Dressee et Dediee Par le. P. Coronelli . . . 1689

**Stock#:** 22227  
**Map Maker:** Nolin  
**Date:** 1689  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 23.5 x 19.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Striking old color example of Nolin's map of Africa, offered here in the early second edition, corrected and augmented by Tillemont.

Nolin's map is regarded as a significant advance in the European cartography of Africa and "represents a tremendous step forward in its use of additional placenames reflecting up-to-date knowledge of European explorations and permanent settlements" (Betz). The two Ptolemaic lakes, shown on most earlier maps, are almost completely excluded, aside from part of the western Lake Zaire. In the area of Central Africa is a text oval, purposely placed by Nolin to demonstrate that the Ptolemaic model of two southern Africa lakes as the source of the Nile are based more on myth than fact.

The text annotations describe the explorations of Pedro Paez and Manuel de Almeida, along with the Nile River as it was known in ancient times. While the Blue Nile is shown correctly as flowing from Lake Tana, the White Nile is not shown at all, and the Niger River appears straight, running east to west.

Fine example of Nolin's map of Africa, compiled and engraved in Paris in collaboration with Vincenzo Maria Coronelli, who was then working in Paris on grand Celestial and Terrestrial Globe for the King of France. The cartographic content is largely identical to Coronelli's two-sheet map of Africa, which was likely issued shortly after Nolin's map. The map is beautifully engraved and exhibits the detail and fine craftsmanship which is characteristic of Nolin's work. This example, in full original color, is of particular note.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Full original color. Minor soiling.