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## A Map of the West Indies and of the Mexican Gulph. | Carte des Indes Occidentales et du Golfe du Mexique.

**Stock#:** 68056  
**Map Maker:** Tardieu  
**Date:** 1806  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 29 x 19 inches  
**Price:** \$ 2,500.00



### Description:

This is a rare separately issued map of the Gulf Coast and the Caribbean by Tardieu. The map was issued shortly after the Louisiana Purchase (1803) and the creation of the Mississippi Territory (1804). The map demonstrates the remarkably fine engraving characteristic of Tardieu's maps.

A number of interesting features abound on this map. In the north, two Floridas still appear on the map; West Florida would see a brief stint of independence in 1810. It is seen here extending to the Mississippi. The Bahamas are given the alternate name of the Lucayos Islands, referring to their native inhabitants. The Caribbean islands are colored according to the country of possession, typical of maps of the time. As such, Cuba and Puerto Rico can be identified as Spanish, Jamaica as English, St. Domingo as French, and the Antilles as shared by the British and French.

Texas is labeled "Nouveau Royaume de Leon".

This map was issued alongside a map of North America, with the interior of the continent based upon Arrowsmith's 1796 map. The Library of Congress owns this lower sheet, and no other institutional examples have been located in American Institutions. This is the second time we have handled this map separately from the map of North America.

### Detailed Condition: