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America Settentrionale divisa ne' suoi principali Stati . . .

Stock#: 103419
Map Maker: Zatta
Date: 1776
Place: Venice
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 16 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

This striking 18th-century map of North America illustrates some of the great Cartographic Myths and legends of the Northwest Coast of America and the region.

The map includes a notation of a Chinese discovery of America by Fou Sang, based upon Hui Shen's supposed voyage of 499 AD, in the area which would roughly be Puget Sound. This is one of the few maps which notes the supposed Chinese contact with the west coast of North America, which is reported upon in a number of generally discredited sources (most recently Menzies' 1421).

The map shows several unusual projections of the Northwest Passage, based upon reports from the Russian explorations recently published in the Royal Academy of Sciences in Paris, although not consistent with the reports of J.N. De L'Isle. North America is projected far too wide, with a number of long rivers extending from the Oregon and Washington Coasts to nearly the Mississippi, with the Bella Riviera reaching what would appear to be the Missouri and thereby creating a watercourse from the Mississippi to C. Bianco di San Sebastian (Cabo Blanco). Quivera, Anian, Nuova Albiona and a number of other early place names still appear, although many are moved inland from their traditional locations. Teguayo and the Pays de Moozemlek are also shown. Salt Lake (Lago Salado) appears in the central continent, due to the misprojection of the western coast. Lots of Indian Tribes noted.

Issued as part of Zatta's monumental 4 volume *Atlante Novissimo*, one of the last great decorative atlases.

Detailed Condition:

Engraving on 18th-century laid paper. Original hand-color, retouched.