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America Settentrionale . . . Corretta et aumentata . . . (California as an Island)

Stock#: 10590
Map Maker: Petrini
Date: 1700
Place: Naples
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare map of North America by Paolo Petrini. Petrini was active in Naples at the end of the 17th and early 18th Century.

Most of the maps which Petrini produced were drawn directly from the work of Nicholas De Fer, making this map of North America, based upon Sanson's famous map of 1650, a great curiosity. The map follows the 1669 edition of the map, with open Great Lakes, California as an island, limited knowledge of the Mississippi River, which the mouth of which is pushed considerably west of its true location and marvelous detail in New Mexico. Quivira appears east of the Rio Grande, which is shown flowing in to the Gulf of California. The island of California includes over 20 place names, including P. de S. Diego, Canal de S. Barbara, I. De S. Catalina, Pta de Monte Rey, Pta. De Francisco Draco, and other modern place names. Lake Michigan? Is Lago De Puzolenti and Lake Huron is Mar Dolce. Nice detail along the east coast. Many Indian Names appear. The map is engraved by Antonius Donzel Gallus.

This is the first edition of the map, which includes the second reference to Petrini the the lower part of the title cartouche, which is removed in the 2nd edition. The map was apparently separately issued, although this example was bound into a composite atlas at some time. Petrini's maps are considered great rarities and are highly collectable. Only one example has appeared in a dealer catalogue in the past 25 years (Cartographic Arts, 1993).

Detailed Condition: