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## Totius Americae Septentrionalis et Meridionalis Novissima Representatio . . . [California as an Island]

**Stock#:** 15011  
**Map Maker:** Homann  
**Date:** 1720  
**Place:** Nuremberg  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 22.5 x 19 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

A good example of an early edition of Homann's map of America, showing California as an Island on the second Sanson model and including Homann's privilege. The Straits of Anian are shown forming a Northwest Passage between California and the mythical Terra Esonis, which forms a nearly continuous land bridge from the Northwest to Asia. The Pays de Moozemleck is shown east of the Straits of Anian. This landmark remains virtually unchanged through all of Homann's maps of America, despite the transition to a peninsular California, resulting in an odd change from a coastal to an apparently landlocked position for this landmark. The Great Lakes are shown with some detail. The Mississippi River shows the results of the early French Jesuit explorations, with its sources extending far North of the limits of the maps produced 20 and 30 years earlier, although Le Moyne's mythical lake in the Southeastern US remains. The title cartouche is based upon De Fer's landmark map of 1699. The top cartouche is based upon De L'Isle's 1703 map of Canada. Nice dark impression. Minor printer's crease in lower left corner. Minor repaired tear near centerfold, just entering printed image. Minor wormhole just below neatline at centerfold. Fold split, repaired on verso. Extensive Polish (!) text in the Pacific discussing the United States and naming 29 states and territories, including Missouri and Oregon. McLaughlin 175, Tooley 79, Leighly 133, Portinaro Plate CIX.

### Detailed Condition: