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Carte de L'Amerique Corrigee et augmentee dessus toutes les autres ... 1646

Stock#: 1534
Map Maker: Bertius
Date: 1624 (1646)
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately published map of America, based upon Jodocus Hondius' map of 1618, but with two significant and noteworthy changes. First, the completion of the south coast of Tierra del Fuego has been added. More notably, beginning with the second state of the map, the entire west coast of North America, including nomenclature, is erased and replaced with a speculative coastline and the legend Pays Non Encore Descouverts (lands not yet discovered). Burden notes that this likely was done to balance the two schools of thought on the region, one treating California as an island, the second adhering to the the peninsular treatment. While several other map makers copied Hondius over the next 30 years, it was only the 1640 and 1646 examples of this map which include this unique coastline. It should be noted the while Burden attributes the map to Bertius, Loeb-Laroque believed the second and third states of the map were engraved by Michel van Lochem, as the other continents in the set in which this map typically appears bear Van Lochem's name as the engraver. Burden notes that the third state of the map (1646) is found in the two recorded examples of Pierre Mariette's Theatre géographique de France, published in 1650 & 1653. This example appears to have been bound into an atlas. Two small wormholes and a bit of toning, else a fine example of a truly rare map. No auction or dealer catalogue records in the past 25 years. Burden 209.

Detailed Condition: