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Carte Reduite Du Golphe Du Mexique Et Des Isles De L'Amerique Pour servir au Vaisseaux du Roy . . . Seconde Edition Annee 17 . . .

Stock#: 17600
Map Maker: Depot de la Marine
Date: 1780
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 34.5 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare late edition of Bellin's important map of the Gulf Coast, which is substantially revised and updated from the first edition issued by Bellin in 1749.

The changes throughout the map are significant, from the changes in the interior of Texas, to the better understanding of the course of the rivers and contours of the coastline throughout the Gulf Coast. The additions and updating are evident throughout Central America and the Caribbean.

Perhpas most significant change (and the one which would continue to change over the next several decades) is the vastly different treatment of southern Florida. In this edition, Bellin has broken up the Peninsula into a vast archipelago of massive islands, beginning in the Central par of Florida's east coast. In the south, there is a massive channel shown between the area between Miami (which would not appear on a map for another 70 years) and the islands west of the region. The entire Gulf Coast has been re-worked and a number of new Bays and other coastal features are represented for the first time on this second edition of the map.

The revisions to the map tell a marvelous story of the evolution of the map from its first appearance in 1749. A link to the 1749 edition can be found here: `{{ inventory_detail_link('24516') }}`

This map is apparently a later edition of the first state of this edition of the map, which was originally noted as "Seconde Editione, Annee 1774." Some observers have noted that "Annee 17" means the 17th year of the French Republic, commenced in 1791. However, it would seem that the map is probably not a post-French Revolution map, as the words "Vaisseau du Roy" still appear in the title and Bellin is referenced as "Conseur Royale", two facts that strongly suggest that the French Revolution had not yet



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is a marvelous compilation of known and semi-known cartographic information, at the end of the period where the most important maps of the region were Spanish & French maps.

Detailed Condition: