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Carte De La Nouvelle France...le cours des Grandes Rivieres de. S. Laurens & de Mississipi... Floride... Louisiane... Virginie... Marie-Lande... Nouvelle Yorck... Nouv. Angleterre... [Proof State!]

Stock#: 18009eg Map Maker: de Fer

Date: 1718 ?
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 21.5 x 19.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare, old color example of the proof state of De Fer's rare 1 sheet map of the inhabited parts of North America, based upon Nicholas De Fer's landmark 4 sheet map published in 1718.

At the top left of the map is large scale map of the Mississippi Delta and Mobile Bay, based upon the 1699 voyage of Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville. The inset also appears on De L'Isle's 1718 carte de la Louisiane. D'Ibeville epxlored the mouth of the Mississippi and its many tributaries, including the Red River in Arkansas.

Heidenreich and Dahl surmised that that the map was issued to promoted the recently established Compagnie Francoise Occident and reinforce French opinion in the 1713 boundary settlement. The settlement was initially successful in promoting French emigration to America. However, the financing side of the company, conceived by John Law to help finance the debt left by by Louis XIV, led to a wild burst of speculation and ultimate collapse. This episode is often referred to as the Mississippi Bubble.

The map includes a a nice plan and view of Quebec, and fine detail in the Great Lakes and Mississippi. The proof state of the map predates the addition of the cartouche, vignettes, sailing ships, depictions of Indian Villages and other decorative features. Very Rare.



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Detailed Condition:

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