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Essay D'Une Carte Reduite Contenant Les Parties Connues Du Globe Terrestre Dedie A JM. Le Comte De Maurepas...1748

Stock#: 19029
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1748 (1780 ca)
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 27.5 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important mid-18th Century map of the world by J.N. Bellin, which over a 30 year period beginning in 1748 was used to illustrate many of the great works of exploration published in France.

This is the first edition, predating the Bay of the West, the discovery of the Sandwich Islands and many other features which would later be added to the map. This edition is most noteworthy for its marvelous early projection of Australia and New Zealand, each with largely speculative coastlines. Australia is still attached to New Guinea and has several notes of early exploration shown. New Zealand is barely known and only a portion of its western coastline. No sign of Antarctica. The NW Coast of America includes the first notes of Russian exploration. Decorative cartouche, compass rose and rhumb lines. A significant map.

Detailed Condition:

Minor offsetting and faint dampstain.