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Recentissima Novi Orbis Sive Americae Septentrionalis et Meridionalis Tabula . . . [California as an Island]

Stock#: 21769
Map Maker: Danckerts
Date: 1690
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 19.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare first state of Danckerts map of America, with interesting treatments of Australia and the NW Coast of America.

Includes an excellent example of California as an Island, based upon Sanson's second projection. The open ended Great Lakes (based upon Sanson) and primitive early treatment of the Mississippi River are also noteworthy, as is the early Rio Colorado, extending to a lake in Apachas and Navaio regions of the Southwest, and mistakenly referencing Taos and Xila, indicating a confusion with the Rio Grande regarding the Taos reference. The interior of South America includes tribal vignettes in Brazil and a misprojected, overly wide projection of the continent.

Two of the most interesting features of the map are the massive Terrae Esonis and early Australia. Terrae Esonis, which connects the Straits of Anian to Japan, includes over a dozen place names, one the boldest renditions of this myth. Quiri Regio, the Northern parts of what would become Australia, are also well delineated, showing what would become Carpentaria, the Gulf of Carpentaria and Arnham's Land. A massive island of Isabella appears above Australia. Several early place names and islands are also shown.

Detailed Condition:

Old color. Minor soiling new lower centerfold. Repaired tear entering title cartouche. Old fold split at lower centerfold.