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**Carte Reduite Du Golphe Du Mexique Et Des Isles De L'Amerique Pour servir au  
Vaisseaux du Roy . . . Annee 1749**

**Stock#:** 24516  
**Map Maker:** Bellin  
**Date:** 1749  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 33 x 21 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

First state of Bellin's important chart of Florida, the Gulf Coast, Caribbean and Central America.

Nicolas Bellin worked as the Depot de la Marine's senior hydrographic engineer beginning in 1721. Bellin wrote a 5 volume treatise on Gulf Navigation in 1749, which is notable for its harsh treatment of Henry Popple's map of North America. This example of Bellin's map of the Gulf Coast is drawn from the work of Valentin Devin and other French mapmakers who plied the coastlines in the early 18th Century.

Bellin abandons the treatment of the southern part of Florida as an Archipelago popularized by Buache, Moll and others. His rendition of Florida is seemingly even more bizarre than its predecessors. Many names along the coast and excellent detail, including soundings, rhumblines and detailed observations. The directions of the currents are also shown. Colored based upon territorial possessions.

The present example is apparently the first state, pre-dating the addition of the Depot de la Marine stamp and the addition of the price (Trente Sols) to the chart.

**Detailed Condition:**

Soiling in lower right corner, else fine.