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L'Isle St. Domingue ou Espagnole Decouverte l'an 1492 Par les Espagnols . . . 1723

Stock#: 26158

Map Maker: de Fer / Danet

Date: 1723 **Place:** Paris

Color: Outline Color

Condition: VG+

Size: 23×17 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of De Fer's scarce large format map of the Island of St. Domingue (Santa Domingo), discovered by Columbus in 1492.

De Fer's map treats the island in extraordinary detail, with the rivers and other topographical features in the interior shown prominently, along with depictions of wild game and hunters. The outlying islands around the main island are also noted, along with the gulfs, bays and harbors around the island.

The division of the Island is noted in outline color, with a Spanish galleon off the west coast and a decorative compass rose in the top left corner. Elaborate title cartouche depicts the discovery of the island in 1492, with the plentiful bounty of the island depicted in the scale of miles cartouche.

This map appeared in a later edition of Nicolas De Fer's *Atlas ou Recueil de Cartes Geographiques*, first published in 1709. The work was essentially a composite atlas, with maps added and updated over the course of the next 30 years. The present example bears the imprint of Guillaume Danet, De Fer's son in law, who took De Fer's printing house following De Fer's death in 1720, along with his brother, Jacques-Francois Danet.

Detailed Condition: