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L'Amerique divisee en ses principaux Etats . . . 1790. Augmentee du voyage de Cook en 1782 [Sea of the West]

Stock#: 29459
Map Maker: Janvier / Lattré
Date: 1790
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 25.5 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare 1790 Janvier/Lattré map of America, which contains not only the mythical Sea of the West, but also an equally mythical reference to a 1782 Voyage of Cook.

The present map is one of the most fascinating (and lazy) examples of the use of a recycled map which we have encountered in a number of years. First issued by Janvier circa 1760, the map would appear to be completely unchanged from the original edition, yet Lattré has added in a claim that the map has been updated to reflect 1782 "voyage du Cook," completely ignoring the fact that Captain James Cook died in 1779, during this third voyage.

As there is no sign of Hawaii in the map and the Northwest Coast of America shows no signs of modification (most notably, the retention of the massive Sea of the West), it is quite difficult to imagine how this map survived the editorial process.

The map includes a massive Sea of the West, Mississippi & tributaries, colonies, excellent detail in southwest along Rio Grande, and strangely misspelled L. Winnepeg with rivers connecting it to Hudson Bay & the Mississippi. Large decorative cartouche. Davis land, discovered in 1687, is shown, along with Quiros discoveries in 1605. The entry to the Sea of the West discovered by Juan De Fuca in 1591 and by Martin D'Aguilar in 1603, are noted quite prominently and of course mythically. No mention of Fou-Sang, the mythical early Chinese contact with the NW Coast of America.

With all of its errors, this is truly a fantastic item for a collector of Cook maps or the Sea of the West.



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