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L'Amerique, Divisee Selon L'Etendue De Ses Principales Parties, Et Dont Les Points Principaux Sont Placez Sur Les Observations De Mes.rs De L'Academie Royale Des Sciences . . . 1728 [Wall Map]

Stock#: 30839rb
Map Maker: de Fer / Danet / Benard
Date: 1728 / 1739
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 62 x 44 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare example of the original Beaver Map, one of the most influential maps of North America published at the end of the 17th Century.

De Fer's wall map of America is one of the most important and well regarded maps of its time, incorporating late 17th Century Jesuit information from the Mississippi River and Great Lakes regions, as well as a massive depiction of California as an Island. The map is surrounded by images of natives and scenes from varying parts of the continents including two industries important to the old world, Beavers, for their pelts and the Newfoundland cod fishery. The two text panels describe the various regions including Louisiana, Florida and the English colonies.

The map is the first map to include a vignette of Beavers in Canada, which was later used by Herman Moll for his famous Beaver Map of the British Dominions in North America. According to Dahl, de Fer's map was engraved by van Loon, but the decorative vignettes were all designed, etched and engraved by Nicolas Guerard. The beaver scene shows dozens of industrious creatures against a backdrop of Niagara Falls, which Guerard most likely based on Hennepin's first printed view of the falls, published a year earlier in 1697. The first issue, from 1698, is extremely rare. Dahl calls it almost unknown; neither Tooley nor McLaughlin cite any edition prior to 1705. The present edition, is dated 1728 in the upper title block, with the name Guillaume Danet and 1739 in the lower center cartouche, with the name chez Benard. Jacques- Francois Benard, de Fer's son-in-law published this later edition in 1739-40. The earlier date of 1713 appears at the bottom of the right text panel, unchanged from earlier editions.



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While we were able to locate other references to Danet's involvement with this map, we have not located other references to the 1728 dating of this map and believe it to be a rare edition.

Detailed Condition:

A few minor restorations, but overall a very nice example.