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Carte Reduite Des Costes De La Louisiane Et De La Floride . . . MDCCLXIV

Stock#: 34645
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1764
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 33 x 22 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Spectacular and highly detailed map of Florida, the Gulf Coast and the Mississippi Valley, published by Nicholas Bellin.

This is one of the best examples of Florida as an Archipelago. The region around the Mississippi Valley and Galveston Bay are also highly detailed for the period.

The map provides one of the most interesting large format depictions of Florida and the Gulf Coast at the conclusion of the French & Indian War. As noted in *Flags Along The Coast* (p.96) ,

Bellin's representation of Florida is incomparably more bizzare than the Spanish (mis)understanding of the Everglades as an archipelago, first seen on their manuscript maps 70 years earlier. Once captains like Jean Beranger ceased to sail the Gulf Waters, taking with them talented mapmakers like Valentin Devlin, France's preeminence began to fade. Even though their maps were highly regarded until the late eighteenth century, French cartographers never captured the excitement of the early era . . .

Detailed Condition: