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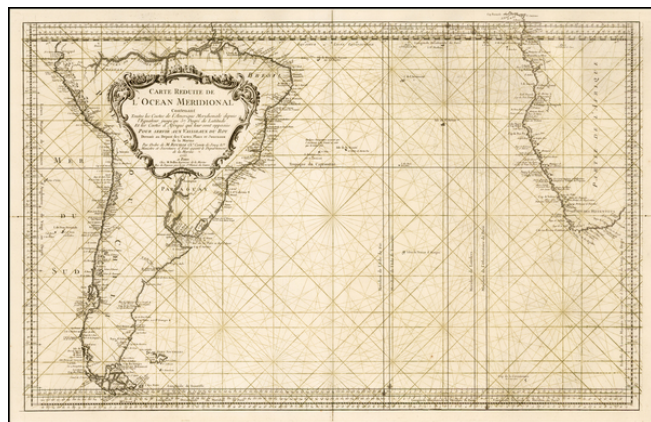
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Carte Reduite De L'Ocean Meridional Contenant Toutes les Costes de l'Amerique Meridionale depuis l'Equateur . . . 1753

Stock#: 35887
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1753
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 21 x 35 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine sea chart of the Southern Atlantic Ocean, showing most of the coast of South America and the Southwest coast of Africa, published by Nicolas Bellin.

The map is one of the earliest charts of the Atlantic prepared as a result of truly scientific methodologies. Prepared under the auspices of the French Depot de la Marine, the first truly national effort to produce Government sponsored sea charts of the all parts of the World.

This chart was produced by Jacques-Nicolas Bellin (1703-1772), France's preeminent maritime cartographer and the Premier Ingénieur of the Depot de la Marine (the French Hydrographical Office), as well as the Official Hydrographer of the King Louis XV. The chart was part of Bellin's greatest work, the monumental sea atlas, *Hydrographie française* (1753).

The present example is a fine example with the additional rhumb lines not present on most examples of the map, further evidence of the intended use of the chart for navigation at sea.

Detailed Condition: