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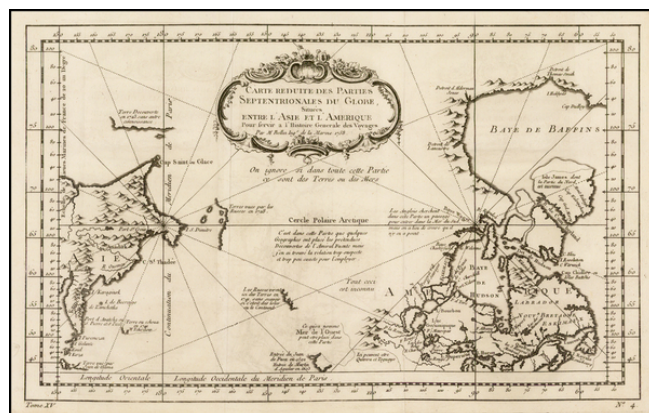
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Carte Reduite Des Parties Septentrionales Du Globe . . . 1758 (Bellin acknowledges the Sea of the West theory)

Stock#: 38760pb
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1758
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 8.5 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

Early Bellin Hints of the Sea of the West

Detailed sea chart of the coastlines and parts of the interior of Canada, Alaska and the Pacific, published by Nicholas Bellin in 1758.

This is one of the rare examples where Bellin attempts to integrate the Sea of the West, which was then being advocated by Joseph Nicholas De L'Isle and Philippe Buache in pamphlets and presentations made to the French Academy of Science.

An interesting map of the region, extending from the Asian peninsula of Kamchatka extending eastward to Baffin Bay. Recent discoveries include the Russian discoveries in 1728 and 1741. Much speculation as the approximate position of the Sea of the West (fictional) is placed on the Pacific northwest coast, as well as a note of the search for a Northwest Passage by the English. Published in Prevost's "L'Histoire Generale des Voyages".

Includes a number of interesting annotations and notes on early discoveries, including:

- Juan de Fuca-1592
- Martin d'Augilar-1603
- Russian Discoveries (Behring) 1741
- Russian Discoveries (Fyodor Luzhin) 1723

The map includes a note that the Sea of the West can be placed here, just north of the Juan de Fuca and Martin d'Aguilar discoveries (Ce qu'on nomme mer de l'Ouest peut etre place dans cette partie). This is a



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rare reference to the Sea of the West by Bellin, who never actually showed the Sea of the West, although in several maps he places it in blank space or very tentatively, as shown here.

Detailed Condition: