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Carte Du Mexique et de la Floride des Terres Angloises et des Isles Antilles du Cours et des Environs de la Riviere Mississippi . . . 1703 [Extensive Manuscript Annotations!]

Stock#: 49988
Map Maker: De L'Isle
Date: 1708
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 25.5 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the 1708 of Guillaume De L'Isle's landmark map, the first printed map to accurately depict the course and mouth of the Mississippi River.

De L'Isle's *Carte du Mexique . . .* is drawn from the reports brought back to France from the survivor's of the La Salle expedition into the interior of North America and from the information derived from the explorations of Bienville and d'Iberville. In the year preceding the publication of the map, De L'Isle utilized his position with the King of France to gain access to the best available information from the new world. During this time period he assiduously compiled the geographical data from the reports of the French Jesuit Missionaries and Explorers in North America, along with Spanish manuscript maps (often copied by the Missionaries while they were acting in the service of the Spanish as spiritual guides and gaining their confidence). The result of this work were a series of landmark maps of the North America, including his map of North America (*L'Amerique Septentrionale*, 1700), Canada and the Great Lakes (*Carte du Canada ou de la Nouvelle France* 1703), and the Mississippi Valley & Gulf Coast (*Carte de la Louisiane et du Cours du Mississippi* 1708).

Carl Wheat called the map a "towering landmark along the path of Western cartographic development." De L'Isle's map also includes greater accuracy in the Great Lakes region and in its depiction of English settlements along the East Coast. Excellent detail of the Indian villages in East Texas, based upon the reports of d'Iberville and the Spanish missionaries. The best depiction of the Southwest to date, with early trails & Indian tribes. Cumming described the map as "profoundly influential."



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The following states have been identified by Tooley:

- State 1 (1703): De L'Isle's first address on Rue Des Canettes.
- State 2 (1703): address changed to Quai de l'Horloge Couronne de Diamans and the imprint of Renard.
- State 3 (1708): Couronne de Diamans and Renard imprint are removed and the engraver's name (Simoneau) appears.
- State 4 (1745): Philippe Buache imprint added below neatline at right.
- State 5 (1783): Title altered to "Carte du Mexique et des Etas Unis d'Amerique, Partie Meridionale, issued by Dezauche, showing US States and boundaries.

Manuscript Annotations

The map bears extensive manuscript annotations throughout the seas, seemingly in two hands. The first hand (circa 1821) relates basic demographic and geographic data of the United States and the Caribbean. The population of the United States is stated to be 17,700,080. The second hand is probably earlier and describes Columbus's 1492 first landing in the Caribbean and at San Salvador Island.

Detailed Condition:

Includes manuscript annotations.