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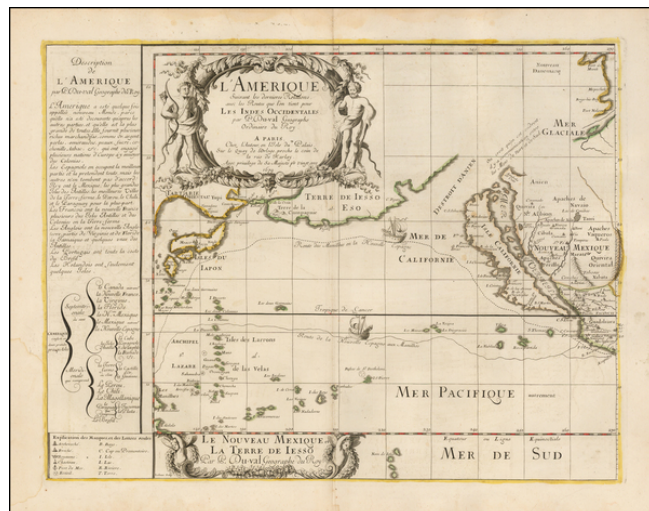
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(California as an Island & The Pacific Ocean) L'Amerique Suivant les dernieres Relations, avec les Routes que l'on tient pour Les Indes Occidentales par P. Du-val Geographe Ordinaire du Roy. . . 1679.

Stock#: 50348
Map Maker: Du Val
Date: 1679
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 15.5 x 20.5 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Rare Map Showing California as an Island and the North Pacific

First state of Pierre Du Val's map, extending from Japan to New Mexico and south to Mindanao, etc. tracking the route of the Spanish Galleons across the Pacific Ocean, including the southerly route to Manila and the more northerly route up past Japan and down the California Coastline upon return.

The second title for the map, which describes this sheet, is Le Nouveau Mexique et Le Terre de Iesso. This map was issued as a separate map of the Southwestern Sheet of Du Val's monumental 4 sheet wall map of America.

Du Val's map provide a remarkably clear version of California as an island. Du Val's particular California configuration is taken from the Luke Foxe form introduced on a map in 1664.

The rest of the American Southwest is rendered with some detail, and the usual speculative inclusions, such as the mythical land of "Quivira" and "Anian". In the Southwest, Du Val labels several Apaches: "Apaches de Navaio", "Apaches de Xila", "Apaches de Perillo", and "Apaches Vaqueros". The Rio del Nort is shown with its source in a large and fictional "lac de Conibas", emptying into the Gulf of California.

This map seems to have been intended as a rhetorical device promoting the idea of a discovered Northwest Passage. Duval makes the case clearly by stating that "On croit qu'en cet endroit il y a



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communication entre les Mers de Nort et de Sud." that is: "It is believed that this strait communicates between the Seas of the North and the South."

Galleon routes between Mexico and the Phillipines are depicted. A large "Terre de Iesso al Eso" is situated off the northwest coast of California.

The 1679 first state of the map includes the imprint: "Chez l'Auteur l'Isle du Palais/ Sur le Quay de l'Orloge proche le coin de / la rue de Harley".

Detailed Condition: