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

Stock#: 54731
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1764
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 33 x 22 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Mythical Archipelago of Florida

Spectacular and highly detailed sea chart 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 bizarre 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 . . .

Bellin's chart of the region was one of the most detailed and widely disbursed charts of the region during the time period immediately after the French & Indian War.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor printer's crease at top right, just touching neat line between 88 and 89 degrees.