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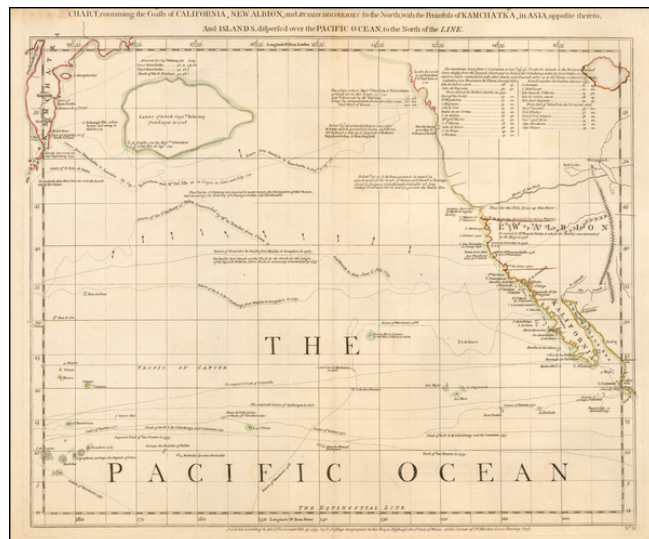
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Chart Containing the Coasts of California, New Albion and Russian Discoveries to the North; with the Peninsula of Kamtchatka, in Asia, opposite thereto; And Islands, dispursed over the Pacific Ocean, to the North of the Line (Duke of York's Copy)

Stock#: 57213
Map Maker: Jefferys
Date: 1753
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 20.5 x 16.7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Early Edition -- Previously Owned by the Duke of York

The Duke of York's Copy of the rare first state of Sheet 1 of Braddock Mead's seminal map of the Pacific Ocean, published in London by Thomas Jefferys.

In 1899, Henry Stevens noted that the first state of the map was apparently intended to be sold in separate sheets, noting that it is "very rarely complete, as the 6 charts has a complete border and title so that they were evidently sold separately as required."

The map is one of the few maps published in the 18th Century to focus on the Coast of California, with California spelled "Kalifornia" in his edition.

The map includes interesting coastal details and numerous sailing ships, illustrating the transatlantic voyage routes of Behring, Tchrikow, De L'Isle de la Croyere, Frondate, Cavendish, Gaetan, Wallis, Spilbergen, Anson, Mendanna and others.

Emphasis is placed upon Drake's discoveries and a red line is drawn signifying where the English claims based upon Drake's first discoveries would begin.



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A very curious feature of the map is the note "Port Sr. Francisco Drakw 1578. not St. Francisco," with the Farollone Islands just off the coast. This map pre-dates the discovery of the actual San Francisco Bay by 16 years, yet curiously gives the correct name and a decent representation of where the Bay would be found, although no evidence that we know of supports an earlier discovery or naming of the bay.

The map Includes a number of factual and anecdotal annotations, including notes about Juan De Fuca, Admiral De Font and others. Drake's discovery and claims are noted, as is the bay discovered by Martin d'Aguilar. The River of the West is shown as a water course connecting the to the Mississippi River, just south of Lake Winnipeg. The discovery of the land by the Chinese Geographer Fou-Sang is also noted.

Thomas Jefferys became geographer to the Prince of Wales in 1746 and geographer to the King in 1760. He published a remarkable number of maps and charts, many of the North American continent.

The genius behind Jefferys in his shop was a brilliant man who at this time went by the alias of John Green. He made a great six-sheet map of North and South America (1753), concerning which he said, 'The English charts of America being for the general very inaccurate, I came to a resolution to publish some new ones for the use of British navigators.'

In addition to his extensive cartographic abilities, Green's personal history also stands out from amongst the biographies of other 18th-century British map makers. John Green was born Braddock Mead in Ireland before 1688, married in Dublin in 1715 and around 1717 moved to London. He was imprisoned in 1728 for trying to defraud an Irish heiress. He also worked with Chambers on his Universal Dictionary.

After he got out of jail, he took the name of Green, and subsequently worked for Cave, Astley, and Jefferys. Mead 'had a number of marked characteristics as a cartographer ... One was his ability to collect, to analyze the value of, and to use a wide variety of sources; these he acknowledged scrupulously on the maps he designed and even more fully in accompanying remarks. Another outstanding characteristic was his intelligent compilation and careful evaluation of reports on latitudes and longitudes used in the construction of his maps, which he also entered in tables on the face of the maps ...

Mead's contributions to cartography stand out ... At a time when the quality and the ethics of map production were at a low ebb in England, he vigorously urged and practiced the highest standards; in the making of maps and navigational charts he was in advance of his time. For



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this he deserves due credit." (Cumming).¹

Complete sets of the six maps are rare. In 1991, the Dupont set sold for \$12,000 hammer; in 2007, the Frank Streeter set sold for \$60,000. A separately-issued pamphlet which was intended to accompany the map is seldom found together with the map. Lada-Mocarski quotes an 1899 Henry Stevens catalogue concerning the map: "We have never before met with the Remarks and Chart together. The latter is very rarely complete, as the 6 charts has a complete border and title so that they were evidently sold separately as required."

While later states of the map appeared in Jeffery's Atlases, commencing in about 1775, this first state is exceptionally rare.

Provenance

The present example includes the bookplate of the Duke of York. The map was apparently acquired by the Duke of York and bound into a large composite atlas, as noted by the number below the Duke of York's bookplate found on the upper left verso of the map (illustrated), bearing the motto of the Chivalric English Order of the Garter, "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense" and the initials D.Y., along with "Vol. 68, No. 11."

Detailed Condition: