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To His Sacred & Most Excellent Majesty George by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France & Ireland &c. This Map of North America...is most humbly dedicated...

Stock#: 6169
Map Maker: Willdey
Date: 1720
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 37 x 25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Exceptionally rare map of North America by George Willdey.

Willdey was an interesting renaissance character. In addition to issuing some of the most wonderful and decorative English large format maps of the period, he was a maker of Globes, instruments, spectacles, reading glasses and other useful curiosities at his shop, the Great Toy Shop next ye Dogg Tavern in Ludgate. This map is a superb amalgam of two maps by De L'Isle, his Carte Du Canada ou de la Nouvelle France... of 1703 and his Carte Du Mexique et de la Floride des Terres Angloises...of 1703, two of the most influential maps of the era. While it is often suggested that Willdey simply reissued maps by Senex,



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Overton and several other map makers of the period, it is clear that this map is no mere re-issue. Willdey's maps are works of art, which include a striking pair of cartouches, an entertaining advertisement for his Great Toy Store, the addition of a number of sailing vessels in the Caribbean and off the Atlantic Coast, and a bright fresh engraving style which is vastly superior to the work by his predecessors. A magnificent marriage of contemporary French Cartography and a unique ornate engraving style, in original outline color.

Detailed Condition: