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America Septentrionalis (California as an Island -- First Edition!)

Stock#: 64291
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1679
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9.5 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Seminal map of North America and the Great Lakes, which would influence the cartography of the region for the next 100 years and one of the earliest printed maps to focus solely on North America, first issued in 1657 in Paris.

Along with Sanson's folio map first issued a year earlier, this map includes many firsts and changes of great note. The Rio Grande is shown draining into the Mer Vermelio (Sea of Cortez) rather than the Gulf of Mexico. Much improvement in the drainage of the Great Lakes and St Lawrence.

The map draws heavily on the Jesuit explorations to the west and the travels of the French Fur Traders. Greater detail shown in Hudson Bay than in earlier maps. California is shown as an island, with excellent detail in the Southwest. Cibola and Conibas are named, as are the Apaches regions.

The Mississippi is not yet well charted, coming prior to La Salle's reports. The classic open Great Lakes from Sanson's North American map are shown in fine detail. From the 1657 edition of Sanson's *L'Amerique en Plusieurs Cartes Nouvelles*...

Detailed Condition: