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Nouvelle Carte de la Caroline par R. Morden

Stock#: 67363
Map Maker: Morden / Wolfgang
Date: 1688
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition:
Size: 4 x 5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the earliest obtainable maps of the Carolinas.

A rare adaptation from the significantly revised second state of Morden's map of the Carolina region by Abraham Wolfgang. This map is identical to the 1687 state, with the exception of French-language title and the misspelling of Hilton Head as "Hilson Head." This second state of Morden's map that the present map is based on is nearly identical to the first state of Morden's map, with the only major alteration being the addition of Barely Count near Charles Town.

Beginning in the 1670s, the English fortunes in North America took a dramatic turn upward, resulting in a booming interest in the British American Colonies and, in turn, the issuance of maps to satisfy this interest. This map of the Carolinas first appeared in the 1680 edition of Morden's *Geography Rectified* with the title *Carolina, Virginia, Maryland & New Jersey*. A second state of the map, with a revised title (this map), was issued in Richard Blome's *The Present State of His Majesty's Isles and Territories in America*, published in 1687. Starting in 1688, Morden issued a revised set of maps, with the Carolinas map changed to a reduced version of Thornton, Morden & Lea's *A New Map of Carolina*.



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While this map extends to New Jersey, the focal point of the map is the Carolinas, with latitudes to the north of Cape Henry compressed. In the second edition, there are additional revisions to the map, including the re-engraving of the Cooper River (starting further west than the first edition), and the addition of the Stone and Edisto Rivers (replacing "Lock Island" and "R. Grande").

North of Charles Town, the old Charles Town is erroneously added, as are "Watere R" and "Sante R". This erroneous depiction is likely drawn from Joel Gascoyne's map of 1682. Farther south, Edelano Island is formed at the outlet of a branch of Ashley Lake, with St. Catalina being named farther offshore.

Detailed Condition:

Loss to margin in upper right. Upper left corner torn off and reattached on verso.