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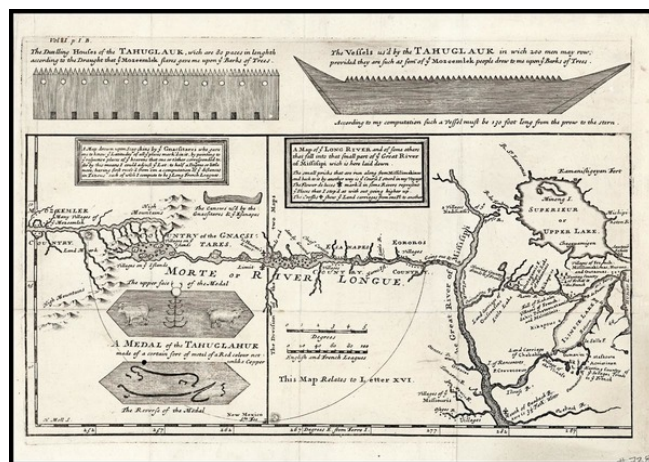
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A Map of ye Long River and of some others that fall into that small part of ye Great Great River of Missisipi wich is here laid down...

Stock#: 7380
Map Maker: Moll / Lahontan
Date: 1703
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare first state of the English edition of Lahontan's map of the mythical Longue River, running from a Mythical Lake on the east side of the Rocky Mountains directly to the Mississippi River, just north of the Oisconsin River, and depicting a number of relatively short portages across the High Mountains to what must be inferred as the River of the West. The explanatory note indicates the map is based upon a map drawn upon Stag-skins by the Gnacsistares [Indians] who have it to Lahontan. The second note indicates that Lahontan's route is marked with the various camp sites and portages which Lahontan himself visited (he relies upon the Stag-skin map for the second half of his apocryphal journey). Despite the fanciful elements of the work, the Longue River appeared on maps for over a century after Lahontan's voyage and the map is a cartographic landmark. Louis-Armand de Lom d'Arce, baron de Lahontan, went to Canada with the Bourbon Regiment in the 1680s. After serving in Western Canada, he returned east in 1688 and claimed to have traveled to the northern portions of the Mississippi River and to the villages of the Osage Indians on the Missouri River, but it was his description of the Longue River which captivated adventurers looking for a water route to the Pacific. While the report was widely discredited, Thomas Jefferson deemed it an important work. A fine example, engraved by a young Herman Moll. An essential map for American Collectors.

Detailed Condition: