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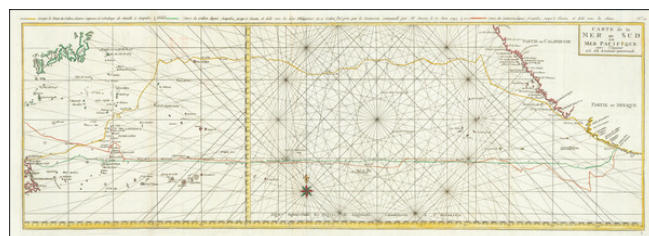
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Carte de la Mer du Sud ou Mer Pacifique entre l'Equateur et le 39 1/2 de Latitude Septentrionale

Stock#: 76089
Map Maker: Bellin / Anson
Date: 1750 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 33.7 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Impressive Chart of the Pacific Ocean Depicting a Thrilling Circumnavigation

Dynamic chart of the mid-Pacific Ocean from the French-edition of Anson's bestselling voyage account. It includes voyage tracks of Anson's *Centurion* and the ship he stalked, the Spanish treasure galleon, *Nuestra Señora de la Covadonga*.

The chart shows the width of the ocean at 39.5° of latitude, flanked by the coasts of California and Mexico to the east and the Philippines and Japan to the west. The long, thin chart is blanketed with an intricate pattern of rhumb lines, which form a striking circle in the sea.

A few islands are included on the chart, but the main draw are the three ships' tracks that dot the waters. Route "a" is that of the *Covadonga* from Manila to Acapulco, "b" is the *Covadonga* on its way back to Manila, and "c" is the *Centurion*. Where track "b" meets the *Cabo Espiritu Santo* of the Philippines is where the battle with Anson took place.

The chart was based on a similar one created by Robert William Seale for the official first edition of Anson's voyage, *A Voyage Round the World*, first published in London in 1748. This French version of the map was by Jacques-Nicolas Bellin, who added the decorative cartouche in the upper right corner. Previous cartouches had been a simple box. This map appeared in the 1751 Amsterdam edition of the account, published by Arstée & Merkus.

Detailed Condition: