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Partie Occidentale De La Nouvelle France ou Canada Par Mr. Bellin Ingenieur de la Marine 1755

Stock#: 76210
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1755
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 24 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Great Lakes Rarity

Excellent example of this seminal map of the Great Lakes, by Jacques Nicolas Bellin, which completely re-wrote the cartographic treatment of the region.

Bellin's mapping of the Great Lakes is one of the cartographic landmarks of the region. Over the course of a decade, he produced 3 maps of the region which updated and transformed the cartography of the region.

Bellin's first map of the Great Lakes (*Carte des lacs du Canada . . .*) was issued in 1744 in French Jesuit Pierre-François-Xavier de Charlevoix's 1744 journal of his voyage through French North America and thereafter incorporated into his 1745 map, *Partie Occidentale De La Nouvelle France ou Canada*. . . The 1745 Bellin map repeated the cartographic information of the 1744 Charlevoix map, but covered a wider geographical region, with extended coverage primarily to the south and the west. This map was later copied by the Homann Heirs in Nuremberg.

In 1755, on the even of the French & Indian War, Bellin issued this substantially revised map, which can be distinguished from the earlier Bellin maps in a number of ways, including:

- The Ohio River is completely reworked and shown flowing to the Wabash, with far more topographical detail and place names given.
- The shapes and sizes of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario have been significantly altered and reduced.



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- The eastern coast of Lake Huron is completely revised.
- Fort Detroit is added and the River between Lake Erie and Lake Huron completely redone.
- The details along the Mississippi River south of the confluence of the Illinois are completely redone, with many additional placenames.
- The entire depiction of the Allegheny Mountains the regions to the east are redone.

The map summarizes the knowledge of the region as the French knew it toward the end of their occupation. It shows the river systems known to the French explorers, locates French forts and settlements and identifies Indian Villages. The map also incorporates some of the work of Sieur de La Verendrye, the last of the great French explorers in America.

Rarity

Both the 1745 and 1755 editions of the Bellin map are rare on the market. We last offered the 1755 map in 2016.

Detailed Condition:

Original outline color.