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## A New Map of North America, with the British, French, Spanish, Dutch & Danish Dominions on that great Continent; and the West India Islands, According to the Definitive Treaty concluded at Paris 10th February 1763 . . .

**Stock#:** 86674  
**Map Maker:** Sayer  
**Date:** 1763  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 38 x 23 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Fine example of Robert Sayer's separately issued 2-sheet map of North America, "Printed for Robt Sayer Map and Printseller at the Golden Buck in Fleet Street."

Sayer's map was one of the first of the early large format maps to show the interior parts of North America. As noted in Seller & Van Ee's discussion of this map:

*During the first half of the eighteenth century, the quality of maps of the interior parts of North America was . . . poor. . . . In the decade of the 1750s, however, several landmark maps appeared. . . . The reasons for the increased interest in North American geography and the tremendous improvement in the quality of maps of the eastern half of the continent are not hard to find. Once again Great Britain and France faced the prospect of war over their territorial claims in the New World. As in all such struggles, the demand for maps of the war zone increased. In France, for example, map publishers like Jean Baptiste Nolin and Maurille Antoine Moithey took advantage of the situation to produce maps that favored French claims and denoted the 'pretentions des Anglois,' and in England mapmakers like John Lodge, Robert Sayer, and Emanuel Bowen highlighted the 'French Encroachments' in North America for the English-speaking world.*

### States of the Map

- State 1: Circa 1753 -- Does not include the references to the 1763 Treaty of Peace in the title and does not include the text of the treaty. [www.loc.gov/resource/g3300.np000059/](http://www.loc.gov/resource/g3300.np000059/)



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- State 2: 1760 -- Date added.
- State 3: 1763 --Titled revised to incorporate the Treaty of Paris in 1763, with text of relevant articles added from the 1763 Treaty of Paris, which ended the Seven Year War (French & Indian War), and resulted in France's loss of most of their colonial claims in North America. Text in the Atlantic completely changed.
- State 4: 1764 ?

The map was unquestionably prepared in connection with the greater interest in England with its claim in North America, as typified by the annotations on the first and second states of the map.

*The French have stretched their Louisiana on both sides of the Mississipi, which is another instance of their Incroachment, for they have no just claim to any part of the Country lying Eastward of that River... But it is to be hoped that his British Majesty will no longer be kept unacquainted with ye Consequence of ye Country lying between ye British Settlements & ye Mississipi. Let this not be thought a remote contingency, for if the French settle on the Back of our Colonies, ye English must become subject to them in a little Time.*

*The Outarvais or Tarvas under Pretence of Leave from the Confederates, to hunt on the South Side of Lake Erie, being instigated by the French, in 1752 fell upon ye English Tarvichtrvi Twon where they killed 22 Tarvitchtrvi Warriors, & one Englishman, & carry'd away 6 Englishmen Prisoners, with all their Effects to the French. This Insult of ye French with other Captures which soon follow'd, & no Measures taken to repel them, encourag'd ye French to establish themselves at Janundat Prequi isle, Mad Creek, Winingo, &Fort du Quesne, But it is to be hoped his British Majesty will no longer be kept unacquainted with ye Consequence of ye Country lying bdtween ye British Settlement & ye Mississipi. Let not this be thought a remote contingency, for if the French settle on the Back of our Colonies, ye English must either become subject to them in a little Time.*

Following the conclusion of the War, these passages were removed and in their place, the text of the relevant parts of the Treaty of Paris added.

The limits of the various British Colonies are shown extending to and beyond the Mississippi Riger, with a significantly reduced and emasculated French Louisiana, following the end of the War.

Among the more noteworthy features of the map are the well delineated routes of the 17th Century British explorers in the Canadian Arctic Regions, including a number of points of discovery which include



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explorer's names and dates. Other annotations includes details of the Confederated Indians surrender of their Beaver Hunting Country to the English in July 1701, a note that until the early 18th Century, California was believed to be an island and a note regarding Tchirkow's discovery of lands along the Northwest Coast of America in 1741.

Another annotation along the Northwest Coast of America references Captain Spanberg's citing of Land in 1728 ("from whence the Russians fetch Beautiful furs." This is likely an erroneous reference to the voyage of the Danish Captain Spanberg, in 1738 (working for the Imperial Russian Navy), as Spanberg did not arrive to Okhotsk on the East Coast of Russia until 1735 and thereafter spent 3 years preparing for his first voyage, which did not commence until June 1738 in search of a sea route to Japan. The information from this voyage was likely transmitted back to England by Captain William Walton, who commanded one of the vessels in Spanberg's expedition.

The map also tracks the ocean currents, in the Caribbean, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and with 2 long notes regarding the route of the Spanish trading Galeons and manner in which the arrival of the Galeons is announced to the interior mining regions within the Spanish colonies.

**Rarity**

The map is of the utmost rarity, with no examples of state 1 or state 3 appearing auction or in dealer catalogues in the past 30 years and only 1 example of state 3 in 2001. OCLC locates 3 examples of the first state, no examples of the 2nd state and 4 examples of the third state of the map, with the Newberry Library apparently holding a unique example of a fourth state.

This is the third example of state 3 map we have offered for sale in the past 20 years.

**Detailed Condition:**

Two sheets, joined as issued. Old color, with some old additions in a second hand. Minor toning and one short tear at to near Baffin's Bay, expertly repaired on verso.