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[Wall Map of Africa] L'Afrique Divisee en ses Principales Parties et ses Isles Tire des Relations les plus Recentes . . . 1782

Stock#: 91459
Map Maker: Jaillot / Desnos
Date: 1782
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 52 x 45 inches
Price: \$ 4,800.00



Description:

Wall Map of Africa Dedicated to The Duke of Burgundy

Rare 4-sheet wall map of Africa, published in Paris by Louis Charles Desnos.

Originally published by Alexis-Hubert Jaillot, Desnos's wall map of Africa is a finely crafted large format presentation of Africa as known to Europeans in the 18th Century.

The map shows the entirety of the continent, including Madagascar and parts of southern Europe, and part of the the Arabian Peninsula. In the Atlantic Ocean are the Canaries, and Cape Verde Islands, as well as several islands in the southern Atlantic.

The continent is split into political units, which are listed in the title located outside the top plate edge. It also contains physical features like lakes and mountains. The famous Mountains of the Moon, the supposed source of the Nile River since ancient times, are no longer shown. While originally based upon the cartographic details in Sanson's map of 1650, Desnos has updated Jaillot's map to alter the river system of the Upper Nile.

In the lower left corner is a cartouche holding 7 scale bars. The cartouche includes a dedication to the Duke of Burgundy.



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Detailed Condition:

4-sheets, joined as issued. Trimmed at left and right margins, with minor loss of printed neatlines. Minor soiling, evidence of miscreasing and old folds, and some minor repairs at fold intersections, etc. Minor loss in a few areas.