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**(Carolinas) Carte General De La Caroline. Dresse sur les Memoires le plus Nouveaux
Par Le Sieu A S . . .**

Stock#: 92254
Map Maker: Mortier
Date: 1696
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 18.5 x 22 inches
Price: \$ 3,500.00



Description:

An Important Early Map of the Carolinas

First state of Mortier's map of the Carolinas, one of the most detailed and up to date maps of the period.

Mortier's map is based upon Thornton, Morden & Lea's virtually unobtainable map of the region, first published in 1685. Cumming observed that the two maps are identical to the smallest geographical detail and provides the most complete and up to date view of the Carolinas available at the end of the 17th century. The original counties are named, and numerous estates and plantations are identified.

The map includes an inset of Charleston, founded in 1669.

Mortier's map is of the earliest obtainable maps of the region to reflect any significant settlement. Extends from Albemarle County to south of the Savannah River. Curiously, there is also a large "Charles Ville ou Charles Town" shown next to Cape Fear, a reference to a short-lived settlement established a few years



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prior to Charleston and abandoned a few years later. Please see
http://www.carolana.com/NC/Towns/Charles_Town_NC.html for a more detailed history.

Carolina was established in 1663 when Charles II granted the province to eight favorites, known as the Lord Proprietors, who had helped him regain the throne of England. The original grant included the territory between the 31st degree to 36 1/2 degrees north latitude, from Jekyll Island, Georgia, to Currituck Inlet, North Carolina. Two years later, the tract was enlarged to include the land between the 29th and the 31st degree north latitude, thus adding a large portion of Florida. The grant extended west to the Pacific Ocean (Degrees of Latitude, p.93).

Carolina was divided into two separate colonies in 1712, and South Carolina received its royal charter in 1729.

States

- First state: Pierre Mortier imprint.
- Second state: Pierre Mortier imprint with plate number in lower right.
- Third state: Covens & Mortier imprint with plate number in lower right.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand color, recently retouched. Upper right corner, just past graticulated border, reinstated in expert and invisible facsimile. Lower margin reinstated. A few small chips on the right side, just past neatline, reinstated, again expertly and invisibly. Expert repair of closed tears. Overall, presents as VG+.