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Place: Augsburg
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Description:

Rare map of America, showing California as an Island.

Depicting California as an island, separated from the mainland of North America, reflects a popular but erroneous belief held by many European cartographers in the 17th and early 18th centuries.

In this map, the perceived island of California is shown with an extended westward land mass towards Asia (Terra Incognita Essonis), indicating the contemporary understanding of the proximity between the two continents. Furthermore, the delineation of the Mississippi River is noteworthy, extending all the way to the Straits of Anian, a mythical strait believed to represent the Bering Strait.

Another striking feature of this map is the unconventional projection of the Great Lakes. This distortion might be a result of the limited knowledge about the region during the time the map was created.

Detailed Condition: