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Nouvelle Mappe Monde dediee au progres de nos connoissances [Bay of the West]

Stock#: 95808

Map Maker: Remondini

Date: 1784

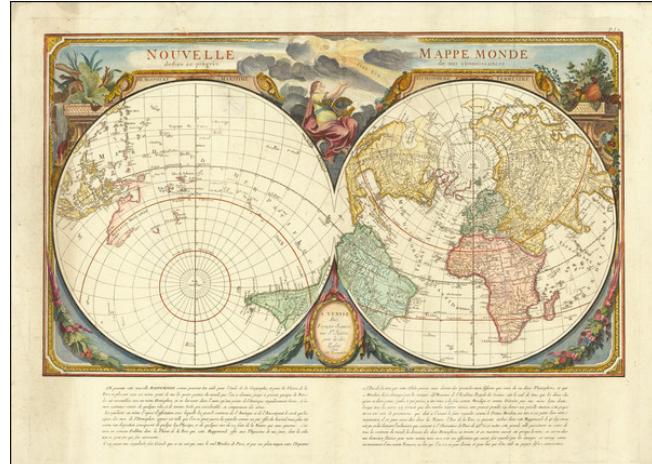
Place: Venice

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 25.5 x 18 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Unusual Double Hemisphere Map of the World

Striking decorative map of the World, oriented to show the "Hemisphere Marine" (Southern Hemisphere) and "Hemisphere Terrestre" (Northern Hemisphere) originally issued by Charles Pierre Boullanger and later by Santini in 1776 and Remondini in 1784.

The decorative map of the world produced by Remondini in Venice in 1784, tracing its origins to the works of Charles Pierre Boullanger, offers a detailed glimpse into the era's perception of global geography. With Paris situated at the center of the right sphere, it brings together Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, and a significant portion of South America. Conversely, the left sphere highlights regions like Patagonia, Australia, and the East Indian Islands.

The absence of Antarctica on the map is a reflection of the era's geographical knowledge. Despite the southward voyages of explorers over the centuries, the continent was not officially recognized until the 19th century.

Australia and New Zealand, though only partially depicted, are significant because of Captain James Cook's voyages a decade earlier. Cook charted the eastern coastline of Australia and completed a circumnavigation of New Zealand. However, the entire western coast of Australia was not yet fully charted by Europeans.

One notable feature of the map is the 'Mer de L'Ouest' or 'Bay of the West' in northwest America, a speculative body of water believed by some to be a shortcut through North America to the Pacific. This



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cartographic myth persisted for a considerable time before being debunked.

The map's reference to 'I. Nouvelle' south of the Bering Straits points to explorations aimed at finding the Northwest Passage. Additionally, the depiction of Jesso as part of mainland Asia indicates limited knowledge of the northeastern part of the continent. In reality, the region corresponds more closely to parts of Hokkaido in Japan and the Kuril Islands.

This was a period of significant maritime exploration. Apart from Cook's expeditions from 1768 to 1779, explorers like Bougainville, Wallis, and Byron undertook journeys into the Pacific, leading to the discovery of new islands and interaction with indigenous populations.

Detailed Condition:

Expertly repaired tear at upper left of map, entering into map image.