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**L'Asie Dressée Sur les Nouvelles Observations Faites en toutes les parties de la Terre
et Rectifiées par M.rs de l'Academie Roy.le des Scien.ces Divisee...**

Stock#: 95870
Map Maker: Nolin & Crepy
Date: 1775
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 58.5 x 51.5 inches
Price: \$ 18,500.00



Description:

L'Asie Dressée Sur les Nouvelles Observations. . . is an impressive 1775 wall map of Asia as understood in the eighteenth century. The product of a collaboration between Jean-Baptiste Nolin the younger, geographer to the French king, and Jean-Baptiste Crepy, a publisher based in Paris, this large wall map stands as a testament to the period's Rococo aesthetics, cartographic practices, and geographical knowledge.

The map, notable for its expansive coverage of the Asian continent, features an array of vignettes depicting biblical scenes, presenting a blending of art and cartography that was characteristic of the period. Augmenting the geographical depiction, the inclusion of the "Description Geographique de l'Asie" and "Description Historique de l'Asie" below the map provides valuable textual information, offering insights into contemporary understanding of the region's geography and history.

An inset in the upper right corner presents a representation of the "Nouvelles Philippines," accompanied by extracts from "Les Lettres curieuses." This feature, indicative of the European interest in remote and exotic regions, offers a glimpse into the historical fascination with the largely unexplored Caroline Islands.

A noteworthy aspect of the map is its representation of the Northwest coast of America, specifically, the region corresponding to today's Alaska, demonstrating the limited knowledge of the area's geography at the time of the map's creation, before the area would be elucidated by Cook and other explorers later in



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the century.

The detailed labeling of maritime bodies such as the "Mer et Golfe de Coree" and "Mer Septentrionale du Japon" highlights the precision applied in the map's creation.

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Initially issued in 1740 by the younger Jean-Baptiste Nolin and reissued in 1749 and 1775, this 1775 edition manifests the evolving understanding of the world's geography. The map stands as a significant artifact for those interested in the historical development of cartography and the evolution of geographical knowledge.

Detailed Condition:

Engraving on 12 sheets joined as one with each segment backed with archival tissue. Original hand-color substantially refreshed. Minor repairs to blank margins, small, postage stamp size loss just above "Tipra" filled in manuscript facsimile.