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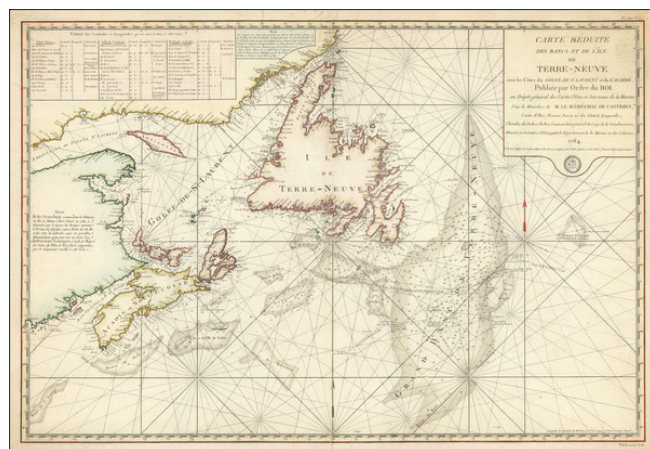
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Carte Reduite Des Bancs et de L'Ile de Terre-Neuve avec les Cotes du Golfe de St. Laurent et de L'Acadie. Pubilee par Ordre du Roi . . . 1784

Stock#: 97814
Map Maker: Depot de la Marine
Date: 1784
Place: Paris
Color:
Condition: VG+
Size: 23.5 x 34.5 inches
Price: \$ 2,400.00



Description:

Detailed map of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and the Grand Banks, published shortly after the signing of the Treaties of Versailles in 1783.

The present map was created shortly after the signing of the treaty between England and France signed on January 20, 1783, which resulted in the English retaining Newfoundland and adjacent islands, except for Saint Pierre and Miquelon (retained by the French). It is substantially similar to the copy of the map held by the Bibliotheque National de France, which includes the relevant portions of the treaties between the French and English signed in 1713, 1763 and 1783.

The manuscript note in Newfoundland states:

La partie coloree en vert a ete cedee a l'Angleterre par le traite de 1783, pour la partie contestee en 1763, depuis la fausse pointe Riche, ou le Cap Double jusqu'au Cap de Raye.

(Translation: The green colored part was ceded to England by the Treaty of 1783, for the disputed part in 1763, from the false Riche point, or Cape Double to Cape Raye.)

The chart was produced by the Depot de la Marine shortly after the end of the American Revolution and became the primary map used by the French Government to manage its extensive fishing rights in Newfoundland and the Grand Banks following the 1783 Treaty. The chart meticulously details the coastal details and offshore bank, with soundings. The tracks of several French ships which had recently completed



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fishing and reconnaissance missions to the region are shown.

Following the conclusion of the Seven Years' War, the Treaty of Paris provided that Britain transfer the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon (labeled in red) to France. The French were also granted fishing rights along Newfoundland's shores and Grand Banks.

In 1763, Admiral Thomas Graves, the Governor of Newfoundland, appointed Lt. James Cook (1728-79) to survey the shores of Newfoundland and southern Labrador. Cook was assisted by Michael Lane. Over the course of the next decade, first under Cook's leadership and later under Lane's leadership, the region was surveyed in meticulous detail. The resulting *General Chart Of The Island Of Newfoundland with the Rocks & Soundings*. . . was published in 1775 .

Rarity

It is known that a few examples of the chart featuring manuscript annotations relating to the fishing rights still survive in official French collections. However, we are not aware of any other examples of the map with these apparently official annotations appearing on the market.

Detailed Condition: