



18th century map of Virginia & Maryland in original colours.

BELLIN, Jacques-Nicolas.

Carte de la Virginie et du Maryland, ou de la Baie Chesapeack et Pays Voisins Pour servir à l'Histoire des Etablissements Européens.

Amsterdam, 1773. Original colour. 205 x 305mm, with wide margins.

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A close copy of Bellin's map of the environs of Chesapeake Bay, with Maryland, Delaware (just before the settlement between Penn and Lord Baltimore, with Delaware properly shown as part of Pennsylvania), and part of Virginia. Bellin's map was first issued in Prévost's 'Histoire Generale des Voyages'; this example comes from Abbé Raynal's 'Histoire Philosophique et Politique des établissements & du commerce des Européens dans les deux Indes'. Written in collaboration with other writers, including Denis Diderot, its Radical tone earned it a place on the Roman Catholic Church's Index of Forbidden Books, requiring it to be burned.

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