



A two-sheet, double-hemisphere world map full of unusual features

MORTIER, Pierre.

Mappe-Monde Geo-Hydrographique, ou Description Generale du Globe Terrestre et Aquatique en Deux Plans Hemispheres [...]

Amsterdam: Pierre Mortier, c.1700. Original outline colour. Two sheets conjoined, total 580 x 980mm.

£16,000

A large and unusal world map published in Mortier's issue of Hubert Jaillot's 'Atlas Nouveau', which contained larger versions of Sanson's maps, redrawn at the request of Sanson's heirs. Although this map still credits Sanson and Jaillot, there are some significant new features: in North America, above the peninsula of California, the 'Mer de l'Ouest' is shown with a channel connecting it to Hudson Bay, forming a North West Passage; and on Australia, Tasmania is joined to New Guinea by a landmass stretching eastwards to near Vanuatu. Both these features were copied from Jan Baptiste Nolin's four-sheet wall map of 1700 (Shirley 605). Mortier was one of the few publishers to show them on an atlas map.

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