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Scarce map of the Americas

CASSINI, Giovanni Maria.

L'America Secondo Le ultime osservazioni Divisa ne'suoi Stati Principali.

Rome, 1788. Coloured. 350 x 480mm.

£650

A scarce and decorative map of the Americas: the large title cartouche shows an allegorical figure representing the continent holding up an arrow, surrounded by a mountain lion, alligator and a snake. The routes taken by Captain Cook across the South Seas in 1768-71 & 1771-76 are marked: these trips included his circumnavigation of New Zealand, his exploration of the Bering Straits and his death on Hawaii. Despite Cook's failure to find a North West Passage one is shown.

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