



A rare four-sheet wall map of France dedicated to the Sun King

NOLIN, Jean Baptiste.

Le Royaume de France avec ses Aquisitions; Divisé en Provinces et en Gouvernements, etc. Dressé sur les Memoires les plus Nouveaux, et Dedié a Louis le Grand, Roy de France et de Navarre.

Paris, 1705. Original outline colour. Four sheets conjoined, total 970 x 1290mm.

£2,200

An impressive wall map of France, with southern England and Holland, and the states of western Germany. It celebrates Louis XIV's victories early in the Nine Years' War (1689-97); the cartouche top right contains 14 medallion maps and plans of battles and towns. The title cartouche features the king in armour, one foot pressing down on the head of a gorgon, surrounded by allegorical figures. One of Louis's advisors holds a scroll with a map of England, a thinly-veiled statement of his intent to invade Britain in support of the deposed James II. This map was originally published in 1692; by the time this edition was published the Nine Years' Wars had finished, but the War of the Spanish Succession had begun, again with England as France's main opponent. Apart from the new date, the only apparent difference for this edition is the advert for Nolin's other maps of France above the title.



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