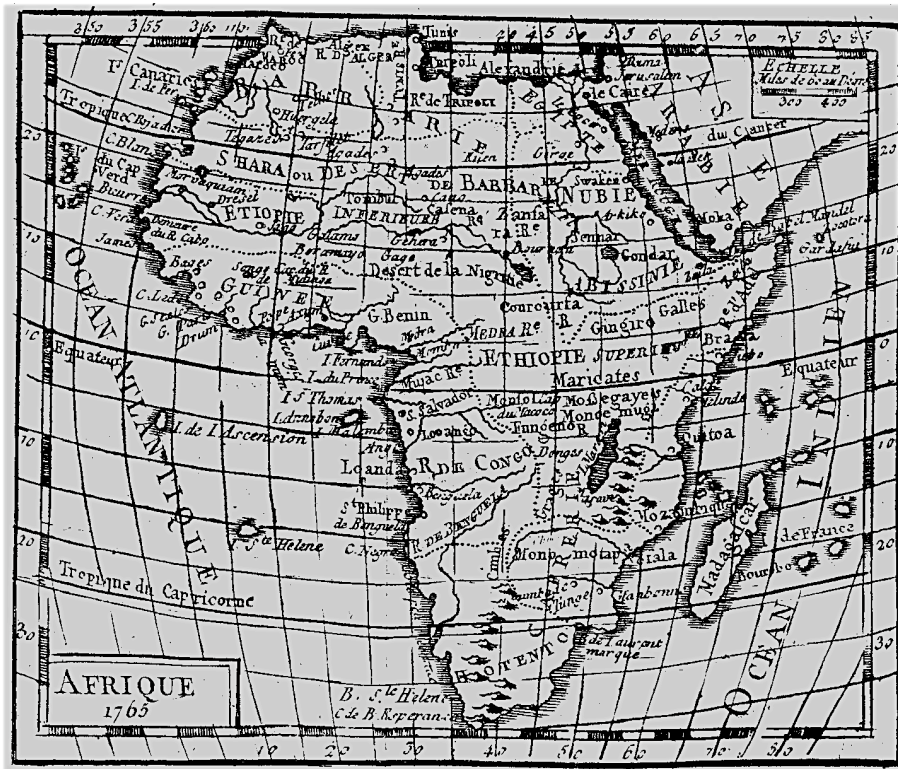




A much travelled French diplomat, Jean Joseph Georges d'Expilly (1719-1793), was the author of a popular little world geography, which was published almost annually for a quarter of a century from 1757. From the fourth issue of 1760, 'Nouvelle édition avec des cartes géographiques', some new folding plates were added, drawn, engraved and signed by François Nicolas Martinet. A small *Mappe monde représentée en hémisphères oriental et occidental par M. l'Abbé Expilly 1760*, about 155 x 100 mm., was followed by just five miniature maps. Four of these are about 120 x 100 mm., but the one of the Americas is about 95 x 130 mm:

*L'Europe; La France; Amerique septentrionale et meridionale; Asie 1760; Afrique 1760.*

Over the years there were a few variant issues. The 1767 one contains a different small world map, which is dated 1765 and signed 'Raby Sculp.' below the border at bottom left. Martinet's signatures have mostly faded on the later issues and the world map is dated 1768 in the 1774 and 1782 ones. However, the 1777 edition contains different but very similar maps, with the three dated ones now reading 1765 (see below) and the world map signed 'Gravé par Melanier' below the border at bottom right. A pirated edition in two volumes without maps was published in Paris by F.J. Desoer in 1772. Another miniature map, *L'Irlande*, had already appeared in Expilly's *Description historique-géographique des Isles Britanniques*, which was published in Paris in 1759.



*Le Géographe manuel.* Paris, Claude J.-B. Bauche, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772; Le Jay, 1774, 1777; Couturier & Onfroy, 1782.

