

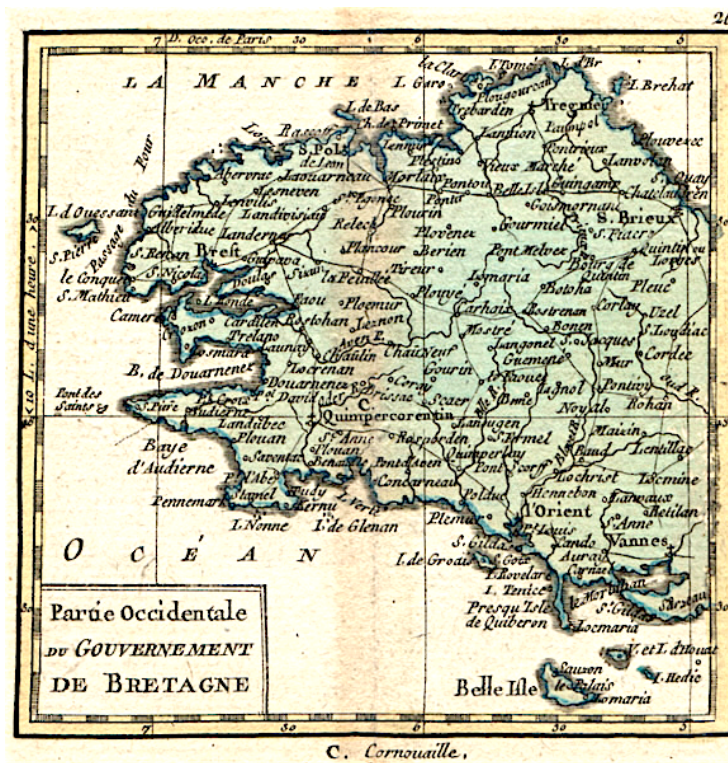


The third and last series of miniature maps by Louis-Charles Desnos appeared in his 1775 pocket atlas of France. They are all square and double-page, about 95 x 95 mm. and the first of them is a general one: *La France divisée par gouvernemens*. It has Desnos' imprint in a panel at its head and two signatures in a panel at the foot: *Brion de la Tour fecit* and *André sculp.* The following numbered plates may well be by the same hands and some of them have keys to capital roman letters on the maps, engraved below the bottom borders.

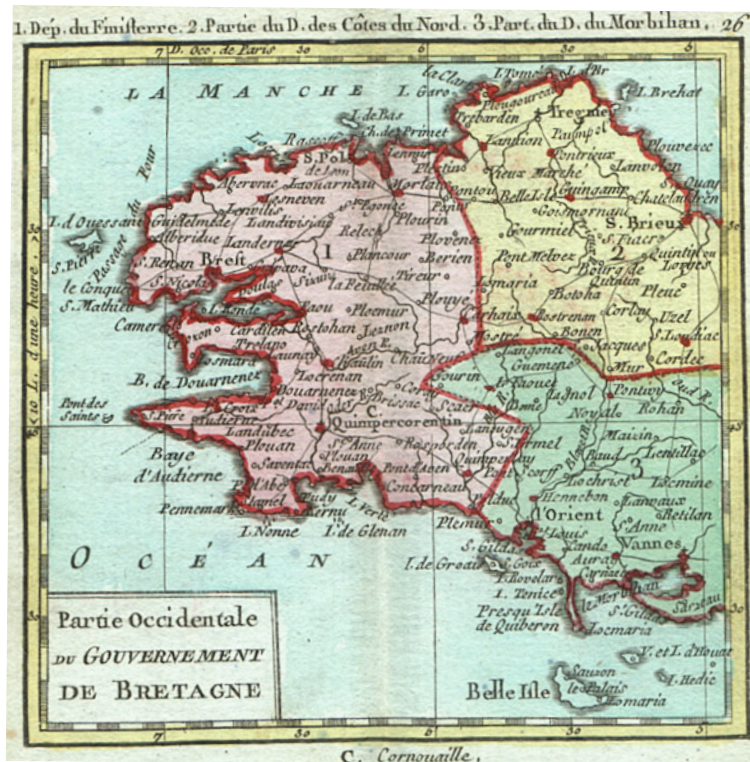
These forty-seven maps relate to the administrative divisions known as *gouvernemens*:

L'Isle de France & Paris; South-East Champagne; South-West Champagne; North Champagne & Sedan; East Normandie; West Normandie; Havre de Grace; D'Artois & West Flandre Francaise; East Flandre Francaise & East Picardie; West Picardie; Boulonnois; Lorraine; Messin & Toullois; South Alsace; North Alsace; South Franche Comté; North Franche Comté; South-East Bourgogne & Dombes; South Bourgogne; North Bourgogne; Orléanois; Anjou; Touraine; Saumurois; Maine & Perche; East Bretagne; West Bretagne; Berry; Bourbonnois; Marche; Nivernois; Poitou; Aunis; Saintonge & Angoumois; Auvergne; Limosin; Lyonnais; Dauphine; Provence; South-East Languedoc; North Languedoc; West Languedoc; Roussillon; North Guienne & Gascogne; East Guyenne & Gascogne; Foix; Béarn & Basse Navarre.

Subsequently, the atlas was issued undated, with a much larger folding map of France.



A new edition published during the French Revolution had the title-page reworded and its rarity suggests few copies were sold. The new departments are indicated on the maps by hand-colouring and arabic numerals, with a key to their names engraved above the top border. A fine copy, with an extra map of Corsica, made £1750 at Christie's London sale-rooms in July 2017.



Finally, the atlas was re-issued with a completely new title-page and the dedication to the king removed from the frontispiece. A folding map of the areas annexed by France in 1795 was added at the rear. This edition would seem to be even rarer than the previous one, with the Cantonal and University Library of Lausanne the only location online.

*Atlas de la France: divisée en ses 40 gouvernemens.* Paris, Louis-Charles Desnos, 1775-.

*Atlas national et général de la France, divisée en ses 83 departemens ... suivant le Décret de l'Assemblée Natle. sanctionné par le Roi le 4 Mars 1790.* Paris, Louis-Charles Desnos, (1790).

*Atlas des corps administratifs et judiciaires; indiquant les Préfectures, sous-Préfectures, Tribunaux d'appel ... an 8.* Paris, Louis-Charles Desnos, (1800).

