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**Mexican Painting. 3776 Codex Vaticanus page 74. Aglio 3rd Vol. called the Little
Vatican MS. [on sheet with] Quetzalcoatl Crucified Codex Borgianus...**

Stock#: 102318
Map Maker: Shippard
Date: 1844 circa
Place: n.p.
Color: Pen & Ink with Wash Color
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 15.7 inches
Price: \$ 4,500.00



Description:

Quetzalcoatl "Crucified"

A vivid early 19th-century original watercolor by Captain William H. Shippard with images after two well-known Aztec codices. The top half of the sheet shows a dramatic scene from the Codex Vaticanus, while the lower half has a somewhat controversial image of Quetzalcoatl from the Codex Borgia. While earlier writers, including Shippard himself, have described this second image as "Quetzalcoatl crucified," recent scholars have come to a more nuanced understanding of this intriguing pictogram, styling it as part of a ritual sequence involving the participation of Quetzalcoatl, following a long supernatural journey.



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Detailed Condition:

Ink, pencil, and watercolor on wove paper. Sheet a bit age-toned with some minor signs of wear. Overall condition is excellent.