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Untitled View of Havana

Stock#: 56881hs
Map Maker: Anonymous
Date: 1850 circa
Place: Havana
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 27 x 15.5 inches
Price: \$ 2,800.00



Description:

Proof state of a rare view of Havana.

The view was acquired in group of other items, most of which related to Rafael Rodriguez, whose most famous work is a Cuban Atlas described by Emilio Cueto as follows:

528. *Rodriguez Rodriguez, Rafael Pío (Spanish military surveyor, active ca. 1840s-1870s)*

Rodriguez published the first Cuban atlas to be printed in Cuba (the Atlas Cubano), being a collection of 16 (?) city maps. Trelles mentions 17 maps, without listing them, and indeed the San Antonio map bears that number, but there are gaps in sequencing, so they do not add up to 17 in my count. Ads appearing in the Diario de La Habana for 1842 give different numbering altogether and could not confirm the existence of 17 maps . . .

Maps measure ca. 19.75 X 15.25" and were lithographed at the Real Sociedad Patriotica in Havana during 1841-1842. I am unaware of the circumstances surrounding the conception and production of this important work. Copy in Havana National Library.

The atlas remained unfinished. Trelles cites a contemporary source indicating that "El geógrafo y ayudante del Cuerpo de Artilleria Sr. Rodriguez no llegó a completar este Atlas." This is obvious, as there are only two maps east of Trinidad and no maps of Santiago or of the entire island. This might be the result not of purposeful design (the title appears all inclusive),



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but of lack of resources to complete the project. Such was the fate of an important book of Cuban views by Costa during 1841-1842. Similarly, some of Pichardo's efforts were limited to the western half of Cuba for lack of funds.

Rarity

We have been unable to identify this work.

Detailed Condition: