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California per P. Ferdinandum Consag S.I. Et alios [Consag's Map of Baja California]

Stock#: 10507

Map Maker: Consag

Date: 1748

Place: ??

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 9 x 7 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare map of Baja California by Ferdinando Consag. Following the issuance of Kino's maps of California, which dispelled the California as an Island myth for the final time, the Spanish Jesuits actively explored the Baja Peninsula and established a number of missions. The next landmark map in Baja's history was performed by Consag, himself a Spanish Jesuit, who also produced a map of the Gulf of California. While Consag's map rarely appears on the market, his improvements to Kino's map were popularized by the map which appears in Venegas' Noticia de la California. Consag sailed completely around the Gulf and provided the first relatively accurate mapping of the Baja performed for a number of years. This map shows excellent topographical detail and identifies a number of missions and other details. As it shows a number of dates in the 1760s, most notably a journey up the Gulf of California in 1768, I surmise that it was intended to illustrate a work which is contemporary to Fra. Junipero Serra's expedition into Upper California, which led to the establishment of the Mission San Diego in 1769. Decorative cartouche. A rare and interesting map of the Baja, with Latin text.



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Detailed Condition: