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Truxillo

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Description:

Striking view of Trujillo, Honduras, from the 1671 edition of Ogilby's *America*.

Trujillo or Truxillo was first founded in 1525, and remained the colonial capital of Honduras for over twelve years. It was used as the principle trade port for gold and silver mined from the Interior and bound for Spain. Like Campeche, Trujillo was a favorite target for pirates, and the city was repeatedly attacked by Morgan and other infamous privateers. As a defense against the pirates, a succession of forts were built to stave off attack, but eventually Dutch pirates sacked and torched the town in 1643, and Trujillo was laid waste for one hundred and forty four years before resettlement.

This view appeared in John Ogilby's seminal atlas *America: Being the Latest, and Most Accurate Description of the New World*, published in London in 1671. Ogilby's work is an English translation of Arnoldus Montanus' *Die Nieuwe en onbekende Weereld...*, published in Amsterdam, although greatly expanded in some instances and with new maps and views. A nice dark impression.

Detailed Condition:

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