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Plan D'Un Ancien Camp Retranche decourvert sur les bords du Muskinghum et Dessine par John Hart Captitaine du 1er. Regiment des Etats Unis

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Stock#: 2786

Map Maker: Collot

Date: 1826
Place: Paris

Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG

Size: 11 x 8 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

Important early plan of Fort Harmar, from Collot's monumental Voyage dans l'Amerique Septentrionale ou Description des Pays Arroses par le Mississippi, l'Ohio, le Missouri, et Autres Riveres Affluentes, published posthumously in 1826, but based upon Collot's work 20-30 years earlier.

Collot's work is one of the highpoints of post-Revolutionary War Americana. The maps, engraved by Tardieu, are among the earliest detailed depictions of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers along with large maps of the West Anticipating the reacquisition of Louisiana from Spain, France sent Collot to America in 1796 to gather intelligence about the western part of the continent. Because of the Louisiana Purchase, however, the work was printed ... but not published at the time of Gen. Collot's death in 1805. More than 20 years afterwards, the whole impression came into the hands of M. Bertrand, ... who reserved 100 copies of the English and 300 of the French edition, and made waste paper of the remainder.

Collot's survey was the most precise of the western interior performed up to that time. Ft. Harmar, at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers, was built by Josiah Harmar at the direction of the Conferation Conference in 1784, in order to discourage settlement in the area. Rather than discouraging squatters, the fort encouraged illegal settlement as the migrants believed Harmar's troops would protect them from Native American attacks.

No separate example has appeared in the past 20 years.

Detailed Condition: