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Charte Von Nord America nach den neuesten Bestimmungen von C.G. Reichard . . . 1802 (Shows the State of Franklin)

Stock#: 32741
Map Maker: Reichard
Date: 1802
Place: Weimar
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 23 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A flawless example of Reichard's rare Pre-Lewis & Clark map of North America.

This rare unrecorded edition pre-dates the 1804 edition noted by Wheat (#263).

Includes excellent detail along the Northwest Coast of America, based upon the voyages of Cook, Vancouver, La Perouse, etc. A tremendous amount of information, probably from Hearn & MacKenzie, is included east of the Rocky Mountains in Canada. An interesting treatment of the Missouri River appears, with the known course of the River shown, then an unknown conjectural portion, which later connects to further known portions of the River near the Mandan Villages.

Perhaps the most unique feature of this map is the inclusion of the "State of Franklin," to the west of Virginia and the East of Kentucky. In fact, this short lived breakaway group was located between North Carolina and Tennessee, as noted below. Indiana is also shown where Ohio would normally appear.

In the latter part of the 18th Century, the settlers in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee



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decided that because of poor representation in State Government, they needed to form a state of their own. A government was formed and initial organizational meetings conducted, but the breakaway state was quickly quelled by the North Carolina authorities, although not before the State of Franklinia began appearing on a number of English maps during the period. Ben Franklin himself responded that while he was honored by the decision to name a state after him, he was not able to relocate. In this instance, Franklinia is mislocated, placing it in what would become West Virginia.

The map includes a key showing the various colonial possessions of the English, United States, Spanish, French, Dutch, Danish and Swedish. One of the most interesting large format maps of North America published during this pre-Lewis & Clark era.

Detailed Condition: