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Mapa De La Republica De Honduras Por A.T. Byrne C.E., M.E. Ingeniero Civil Del Gobierno De Honduras, con adiciones y correcciones hasta la fecha por J. Francis Le Baron, C.E. . . .

Stock#: 36795
Map Maker: Colton Ohman & Co.
Date: 1900
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 32.5 x 19.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine separately issued map of Honduras, published in New York City in 1900 by Colton, Ohrman & Co., one of the maps utilized to resolve the boundary dispute between Guatemala and Honduras (1918-1919).

While the map would appear to be an officially sanctioned map, the Government of Honduras would later disavow the map during the Guatemala-Honduras Boundary dispute (details below).

The map provides remarkable topographical detail. Colored by districts, it also shows known mineral deposits, including gold, silver, copper, zinc, lead, platina, quicksilver, Iron, coal, Opals, asbestos, ochres, and marble.

Among the other features of the map, it locates ruins, Indigenous tribes, telegraph stations, railroads, roads, stations, etc.

The map is known in 2 states, both of which were used during the Mediation of the Honduras-Guatemala Boundary Dispute, which was mediated by the US Secretary of State (1918-1919), Referring to the 1886 edition, the Mediation report states at page 530:

This map, which, according to the statement of Dr. P. Bonilla, was not authorized by the Government of Honduras, places the boundary farther to the east in the northwestern part of Honduras than any other map previously considered. The line begins at the mouth of the Cuyamel River and runs to the southwest along what are marked as the Espiritu Santo, Grita, and Merendon Mountains. The error mentioned in connection with preceding map was also made in this in the southwest. The Copan Mountains were evidently mistaken for the Grita range by the engineer. In any case, in this part of the frontier the line



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runs along the approximate position of the Copan Mountains and crosses the Copan River about where the town of Comoton should appear. The towns of Playon and Copan are placed considerably to the east of the boundary line, but the latter are situated on the wrong side of the Copan River.

In commenting on the revised map (the edition offered here), the Mediation Report states at p.532:

This is the Byrne map of 1886, corrected by Le Baron. The Motagua is made the boundary from its mouth as far as the district of Copan, where the line turns and runs to the southeast for a short distance, and then turns southwest again, following the Grita Mountains. But here again the mountains are on the wrong side of Copan, which is placed in Honduras. In fact, the line in the southwest appears identical with that of the Byrne map of 1886, and the ruins of Copan are also again placed 'on the wrong side of the Copan River.

The map is apparently quite rare. OCLC locates only a single copy (British Library). The Library of Congress also appears to hold a copy of the map.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map, with original printed covers.