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Stock#: 49326
Map Maker: Nicolosi
Date: 1660
Place: Rome
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 16.5 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Landmark Map of the Southwest -- The First Map To Show The Rio Grande Flowing Into the Gulf of Mexico

Nice example of the southwestern sheet of Giovanni Battista Nicolosi's important four sheet map of North America, the first printed map to accurately depict the course of the Rio Grande River flowing into the Gulf of Mexico.

The present example is the second state of the map, which is the first edition to include place names.

Nicolosi bases his map on Sanson's map of 1650, with several notable changes. In the West, there are several very important differences. The Rio Grande (named Rio Escondido) is shown flowing Southeast into the Gulf of Mexico for the first time ever on a printed map, with an elaborate set of tributaries. The lake which historically fed this river when it was flowing into the Gulf of California has disappeared.

Nuo (Nuevo) Mexico is named, as are Taos, S(anta) Fe and several other early New Mexican Villages. The villages of the Apaches and Apaches Vaqueros, noting a group of Apaches who had domesticated horses for riding.

In 1652, motivated by Sanson's new work, the *Propoganda Fide* of Rome hired G.B. Nicolosi, who in turn published his *Dell' Hercole e Studio Geografico*, published in 1660 and 1671. The 4 sheet maps of the continents have become celebrated rarities, which incorporate Nicolosi's meticulous work with a quite



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unusual presentation style.

Detailed Condition:

Several minor wormholes, expertly filled.