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provincias olim S.I. Missinario delineatus a Petro Parcar 1784**

Stock#: 53837
Map Maker: Parcar
Date: 1784
Place: Nurnberg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 22 inches
Price: \$8,500.00



Description:

Previously Unknown First State of the Franz Xavier Veigl / Petrus Parcar Map of The Upper Amazon Region - Ecuador - Peru

Rare Jesuit map of the Upper Amazon, including a large portion of Ecuador, Peru, northern Bolivia and the Brazilian Amazon State, published in Rome. The map was created to illustrate the journal of Franz Xavier Veigl, an Austrian Jesuit missionary who served in the region from 1753 to 1777.

The map is centered on the Upper Amazon and Ucayali Rivers and extends south to the Lima area and southeast to Exaltacion in Bolivia.

The map reflects the missions, settlements and geographical knowledge known to the Jesuits at the time of their expulsion from the region in 1767.

Very little seems to be known about the map, although it appears that Alexander von Humboldt consulted the map during his time in Peru. (Lotz, Alexander Von Humboldt in Lima, page 285, footnote 25). The most comprehensive comment we could locate regarding the map states: "the map drawn up by Don Piedro Parcar in 1780, tracing the course of the river Marañon from its origin to the borders of the Portuguese



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territory and beyond." (*Allgemeine Literatur-Zeitung*, page 93, Volume 3, No. 183, July 1792). The map is also described by Spix and Martius in their *Reise in Brasilien auf befehl Sr. Majestät Maximilian Joseph I ...*, Volume 3 at page 971.

The map would seem to be a previously unrecorded first state of the map, with the date of 1784. The map was apparently re-issued in 1785, with the Maragnony spelled "Maragnonii", as noted by the JCB copy on line.

<https://jcb.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet/detail/JCBMAPS~1~1~1805~104360003:Maragnonii-sive-Amazonum-Fluminis-T>

The second state of the map appeared in *Reisen einiger Missionarien der Gesellschaft Jesu in America. Aus ihren eigenen Aussagen herausgegeben von Christoph Gottlieb von Murr. Mit einer Landkarte und Kupfern.* published in Nuremberg in 1785.

Sabin (51482) notes:

Relates chiefly to the nations on the banks of the Maranon or Amazon, and Orinoco rivers, with copious dissertations on the dialects of South America, and vocabularies of their language.

In addition to the change in the title, the second state of the map includes additional place names east of Lima and Guarnei, near the headwaters of the Maragnon River and just to the east, including:

- R. Consue 20 (several valley east of Guarnei on the Coast of Peru)
- Guamico (a town just to the west of R. Consue)
- Gaurignanohe River (headwaters of the Maragnon)
- Guarcaruchuco (headwaters oof the Margnon)
- L. Chinchá (northeast of Lima)

Franz Xavier Veigl (1723-1798)

Veigl was a Jesuit missionary, born in Gratz, Austria. He entered the Society of Jesus at Vienna in 1738,



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and for several years was professor in the Jesuit college there. He was assigned to the mission in Quito, Ecuador in 1753, finally arriving in 1755. In 1763, he was promoted to head of the missions of Maynas, a province in modern Northwest Peru, at the convergence of the Ucayali, Napo and Amazon Rivers.

During his time in the region, he was a keen observer of the flora and fauna of the region, and became one of the earliest Europeans to describe the effects of a native hallucinogenic drink, "the so-called ayahuasca, which is a bitter reed, or more specifically, a liana. It serves for mystification and bewitchment."

He remained in South America until 1777, when he returned to Europe, and was appointed professor at Judenburg.

Veigl was the author of *Reisen einiger Missionitrien der Gesellschaft Jesu in Amerika* (Nuremberg, 1785) and "*Franz Xav. Veigl's vormaligen Missionars der Gesellschaft Jesu, grundliche Nachrichten fiber die Verfassung der Landschaft Maynas in Sud-Amerika bis zum Jahr 1768*" (1798; in Latin, 1792). No. 773 and No. 774 of Stocklein's "Welt-Bore" (Gratz, 1727 et seq.) contain his "Summa epistolarum duarum ad cognatos suos in itinere scriptarum 1753 et 1755 quibus id ipsum et quae in eo observavit describit" and "Epistola ad cosdem ex Quito 1 Septembris 1755 qua horribilem terrae in civitate hac, et statum missionum ad flumen Maragnon describit."

Rarity

The map is extremely rare. We were unable to locate any surviving examples of the this first state of the map. OCLC locates 1 copy of the second state (British Library). We note also the examples at the JCB and BnF. The Catalogs of the University of Bern, Harvard Library (18321) and National Library of Brazil (1881) also reference the second edition of the map.

Detailed Condition:

Minor pin hole at centerfold.