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Amer. Sep. No. 38. Partie Des Etats-Unis [Washington & Oregon]

Stock#: 54668
Map Maker: Vandermaelen

Date: 1825
Place: Brussels
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 18 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

The Best Large Format Map of Its Generation

Fine old color example of Vandermaelen's map of parts of Washington and Oregon from 42 to 48 degrees latitude, and from 120 to 130 degrees longitude, one of the most detailed maps of the period for this region and the only map to focus narrowly on this section of the Northwest.

A note off the mouth of the Columbia River references Captains Lewis & Clarks' arrival on November 13, 1805 and departure on April 23, 1806. The map also provides a meticulous account of hte Indians tribes in the region.

The map extends north to the southern part of Puget Sound, and appears to reach beyond Seattle and possibly to Everett, Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helens, and Mt. Jefferson. Locates Forts Astoria and Clatsop at the mouth of the Columbia River. A table gives the populations of 10 Indian tribes and numerous tribes are located throughout the map. The Atlas Universel was the first atlas to present all the maps on the same scale (1: 1,641,836), with each map covering an area of approximately 20 degrees longitude (from Paris) and 6 degrees of latitude. Also considered to be the first lithographic atlas ever published. Of these large-scale and highly detailed maps, Wheat said "No mapmaker had previously attempted to use such a large scale for any western American area."

While it is generally believed that there was only one edition of Vandermaelen's atlas, we have over the

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years identified 2 states of many of the maps. One state includes printer's details below the lower neatline, the second state does not.

The present example is the second state of the map. The states can be differentiated as follows:

- Vandermaelen credit and 1825 date at bottom left
- Significantly improved topographical details and "No 38 in title in an equal sized font"
- Title charged from "Partie L'Oregon" to "Partie des Etats Unis"

Detailed Condition:
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