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[Franklinia] A Map of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia; Comprehending the Spanish Provinces of East and West Florida: Exhibiting the Boundaries as fixed by the late Treaty of Peace . . .

Stock#: 60061
Map Maker: Purcell
Date: 1792
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14.5 x 12.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Heavily Annotated Rare (unrecorded?) Variant of the Purcell / Harrison Map of the Southeast, including the New State of Franklin

Fine example of Purcell's map of the Southern States (and Midwest), which includes an early reference to the *New State of Franklin* in the center part of North Carolina.

Purcell's map first appeared in Jedidiah Morse's *American Geography*, and in some copies of the August 1788 edition of the *American Magazine*. Later examples were issued by Stockdale in London, engraved by W. Harrison. This is a rare separately issued example, as explained below.

The map is one of the few maps to record the short-lived state of "Franklinia." In the latter part of the 18th Century, the settlers in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee 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.

Shows the boundaries between the United States and Spanish Dominions, lines delimiting Indian Nations, Towns, Roads, Indian Villages and host of other early details, including counties, Indian Trade paths, the



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Seven Ranges, Ekanfanoka Swamp (Okenfenokee), and Port Vincient (Vincennes), The Ohio Company, New Jersey Company and Illinois Company Lands are shown, as are the Donation Lands of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Illinois, Indiana & New Jersey Company land areas appear, as do Army Land, Ohio Company, along with numerous counties in Virginia. Notes regarding Col. Syms Land, the donation grants and Gen. Clark's Grant are also shown. The Spanish Dominions and Louisiana appear east of the Mississippi River, and the region north of Virginia is called the New States, although predating the deliniation of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Many other interesting details.

Separately Issued Variant

The present example includes to the right of the Stockdale imprint, the letters "**A.d.**" The map was acquired as a pair, with the accompanying northern sheet, which bears the note at the left "**Se Vend Chez F. Mony a Geneve**." Both have wide margins and single vertical fold, suggesting they were bound into a composite atlas. Taken together, it would appear that Purcell's map was being offered for sale as a separate map in Geneva. The lettering also suggests that it was likely stamped onto the map by Monty in Geneva when the sheet arrived in Geneva, and was not added by Stockdale.

A link to the other map is here: </gallery/detail/44064>

Annotations

The map is filled with contemporary hand written notes about America, beginnnging with a note about Columbus. Some of the more interesting annotations include:

- *Between South Carolina and Georgia is the Country of the Cherokee Indians*
- *The air in Georgia is mild and agreeable but very bad in the Summer. There is here a kind of tree from which runs an oil of extraordinary benefit for curing wounds.*
- *The Natives of Florida are of a red, copper colour with long course black hair, & without beards like all the other Natives of America.*

Rarity

This is only the second example of this map we have seen in over 25 years.



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