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A Map Of The Republic Of Texas And The Adjacent Territories, Indicating The Grants of Land Conceded Under the Empresario System of Mexico

Stock#: 62384
Map Maker: Cheffins
Date: 1841
Place: Southampton
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 12.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Republic of Texas in 1841

Highly detailed map of the Republic of Texas, published in 1841.

Cheffins map of the Republic of Texas was one of two maps of the Republic included in William Kennedy's important 1841 book, *Texas: the Rise, Progress and Prospects of the Republic of Texas*.

The map is most likely drawn in part directly from William Kennedy's own reporting, as Cheffins was best known for making British Railway maps. William Kennedy was in Texas from April to December 1839. In 1842, he returned as British Consul to the Republic of Texas at Galveston and in that year started proceedings to settle six hundred families south of the Nueces, a project never carried out" (Streeter 1385).

The map lists all of the Empresario Grants as of 1836, along with the topographical details, roads, towns and other information. The map is extremely detailed in its location of mines, forts, Harrisburg, Lynchburg, Bath, McNeil's Landing, Carancahua Creek, New Washington and "Droves of Wild Cattle & Horses", Mustang or Wild Horse Desert."

The link between Cheffins and Kennedy is worthy of greater study. While most bibliographers have attributed the Cheffins map to being based on the Mitchell-Young map of the Republic of Texas, Kennedy's



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decision to have his own map made by a leading British map draughtsman suggests that he may have included his own input into the mapmaking process.

The Cheffins map rarely appears on the market.

Detailed Condition: