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(Russian Possessions in California and Oregon) Карта Сѣверо-Американскихъ Мексиканскихъ Среднихъ Американскихъ Штатовъ И Вестъ-Индіи [Map of North American, Mexican, and Central American States and the West Indies]

Stock#: 66555
Map Maker: Poznyakov & Arsenyev & Frolov
Date: 1836
Place: Saint Petersburg
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 7 x 5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

1836 Russian-Language Map Illustrating Russian Claims to California and Oregon.

Fascinating and extremely rare Russian-language maps of the United States and Mexico, published in Saint Petersburg in 1836.

The map is noteworthy for its apparent attempt to show a Russian claim to lands on the West Coast of the present-day United States. The area, which bears the traditional label "New Albion", surrounds the Russian settlement at Fort Ross, shown and labeled here "Кр.: Россъ". On this example of the map, the territory has been hand-colored in green outline (the coloring is original to the publication). The Russian territory stretches from just south of the Columbia River to San Francisco Bay.

The key at the bottom of the map lists the colors of the lands associated with various imperial powers. However, it is not particularly useful; most of the land that would be covered by the key is in the Caribbean, where it has apparently faded or changed color enough to be illegible. The countries from the top left are as follows: England, France, Spain, Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, and Haiti.

Rarity

The map is very scarce. We have been unable to find any other examples in sales databases, libraries and archives, nor in general online searches.



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The map comes from the 1836 edition of *Всеобщий атлас или собрание карт всего земного шара, изданный для пользы юношества и сверенный с географіею Арсеньева и других Федором Позняковым. Второе издание, исправленное и дополненное 7 картами, выгравированными г. Фроловым.* This translates as *The universal atlas or collection of maps of the entire globe. Published for the benefit of youth and verified by the geography of Arsenyev and others by Fyodor Poznyakov. Second revised edition with additional 7 maps engraved by g. Frolov.* That atlas was first published in 1829 (with an additional run printed in 1833), then for this second edition in 1836, and again in 1843 as the third edition. The second edition is in neither the RSL nor NLR.

Detailed Condition:

Original outline color.