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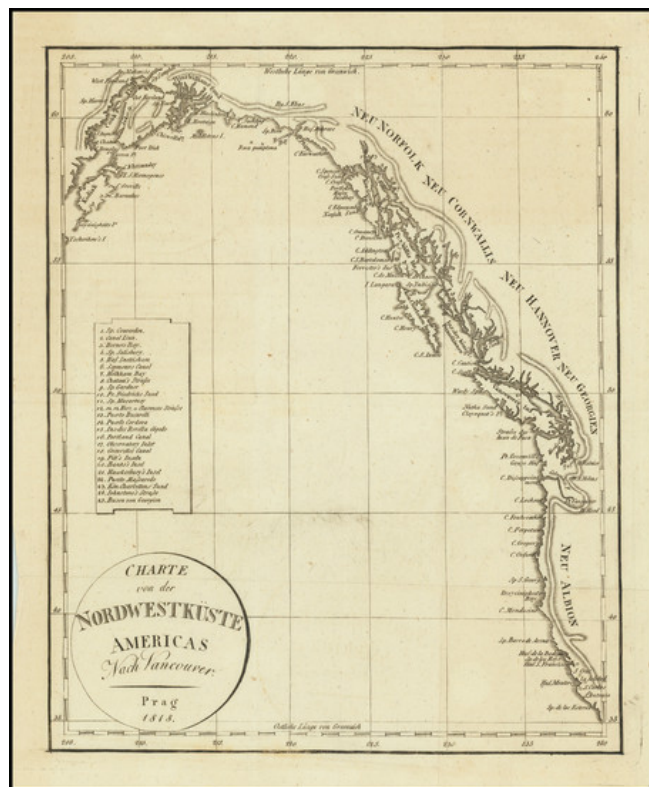
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Description:

Scarce Map of the Northwest Coast of North America

Rare map of the West Coast of North America, from California to Alaska, published by Franz Pluth in Prague.

The map illustrates the discoveries up to the voyage of George Vancouver (1791-5) and extends from Kodiak Island to approximately San Luis Obispo, with dozens of coastal names given. A key offers names for features on the mainland coast near the Queen Charlotte and Prince of Wales Islands.

Vancouver Island is shown as an island; it was first circumnavigated by the Spanish explorers Dionisio Alcalá Galiano and Cayetano Valdés y Flores. Originally officers on the global voyage of Alejandro Malaspina, Galiano and Valdés were dispatched to survey Vancouver Island in light of the contention over fur trading out of Nootka Sound.

They were in the area at the same time as Vancouver, on his own exploratory voyage on behalf of the



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British Royal Navy. However, Galiano and Valdés started from Nootka Sound and returned there, whereas Vancouver had started from the Juan de Fuca Strait. Therefore, the Spaniards were the first to fully circumnavigate the island shown here.

The map's emphasis is on the coastlines, but several prominent peaks are also shown. These include Mt. Hood, Mt. Saint Helens, and Mt. Rainier. Lt. William Broughton, Vancouver's second in command, glimpsed the former from his exploration of the Columbia River in 1792. Broughton named it for Samuel Hood, 1st Viscount Hood, an Admiral in the Royal Navy.

Broughton was surveying the mouth of the Columbia and the lower sections of the river. However, he wasn't the first European to visit it. That occurred slightly earlier in the same year. On May 11, 1792, the Boston ship *Columbia Rediviva*, under Captain Robert Gray, had made it over the bar and into the mouth of the large river, calling it after the ship, the Columbia.

Nearby is Mount Saint Helens, known as *Lawetlat'la* to the Indigenous Cowlitz people, and *Loowit* or *Louwala-Clough* to the Klickitat. Most famous for its 1980 eruption, the volcano was given its current name, again by the Vancouver expedition, in honor of Lord St. Helens.

Mt. Rainier, a volcano like the other two, is the highest mountain in the Cascade Range at 14,411 feet. The local Salishan people call the mountain Tacoma. Vancouver is again implicated here, as the feature is named for his friend, Rear Admiral Peter Rainier.

This is a map published in Prague highlighting the Spanish, British, and American encounters with this coastline.

Rarity

This the first time we have seen this map.

Detailed Condition: