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A Map of the Internal Provinces of New Spain . . .

Stock#: 73297
Map Maker: Pike
Date: 1810
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 18.5 x 18 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

The First Map of the Southwest Based Upon First Hand Observations

Pike's influential map of Texas and the Southwest is the first map of the Southwest to be based on firsthand exploration and is widely regarded as one of the milestones in the mapping of the American West.

Based in part on the maps of Alexander von Humboldt, which were available to Pike in Washington yet remained unpublished until a year after Pike's map appeared, Wheat notes that the map provides a critical firsthand look at Texas and the West at the opening of the nineteenth century.

While similar to Humboldt's later map, this map provides a significant improvement in the rendering of the interior of Texas. With the exception of the lower courses of the Sabine and the Neches, which are distorted to the east, the rivers are shown quite accurately. The Brazos is, for the first time in a printed map, shown in almost its proper length and shape. However, Lake Timpanogos still appears, as do several of mythical rivers in Utah.

The legend near the title identifies key features of the area including provincial boundaries, capital cities, Spanish towns and villages, Indian villages, fortifications, springs, empty settlements, roads, and, most important for this map, the route traveled by Pike's men in 1807. There are also many detailed notes



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included about local peoples, the terrain, and previous explorations by Euro-descendants.

Detailed Condition:

Expertly mended splits at old folds.