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**(The New State of Franklin / Land Rights of Native Americans) The United States of
North America with the British Territories And Those of Spain, according to the Treaty
of 1784 . . . 1796**

Stock#: 87369
Map Maker: Faden
Date: 1796
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The State of Franklin & Land Rights of Native Americans

Scarce map of the United States, which includes the State of Franklinia in Western North Carolina.

One of the first and finest English maps to display the boundaries of the newly recognized United States. Faden published the map (originally titled *The British Colonies in North America*), in 1777, during the Revolutionary War, and regularly revised and updated it as new information became available. The map covers an area from Newfoundland and James Bay to the southern tip of Texas, here labeled "Cenis" for the Indian tribe that occupied the eastern region. The United States is rendered in solid yellow, while other political entities are indicated by colored outline. Faden distinguishes between the British territories of today's Canada and the Bahamas and the Spanish territories of Louisiana and Florida. He also notes the large "Western Territory" north of the Ohio River.

Faden's map of the United States is one of the most fascinating maps of the period. While its most noteworthy feature is its references to Franklinia--New State of Franklin, it has a number of other fascinating bits of contemporary information. Beginning in Louisiana Territory, there are references to New Iberia and Arkansas or the Fair Nation. The borders of the Carolinas are shown extending beyond the Mississippi to the Pacific Coast, with a reference to the South Sea Charter. The source of the Missouri is noted as unknown. Massive Western Territory, covering Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa



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and part of Minnesota.

Faden also depicts the various company lands, which existed in the West, including New Jersey Company, Wabash Company, the Army Lands, the Lands reserved for the Carolina Troops, Colonel Simms, Donation Lands, Seven Ranges, Virginia Troops, etc. Georgia runs to the Mississippi, with lots of Indian Tribes and East and West Florida shown. Several early roads in Texas. The Twenty Leagues Line is interesting to note and indicates that the British denomination of East and West Florida has been retained, although perhaps not adopted by the Spanish.

The map is one of the few maps to record the short-lived state of "Franklinia." Franklinia was formed by settlers in 1784, but it was never recognized by Congress. Eventually it was annexed by North Carolina and later reverted back to Tennessee.

State of the Map

This is the Sixth edition of the map and one of the most sought after, which includes 3 major changes:

- One of the Earliest Appearances of Tennessee (here called Tannessee Government), part of the "Lands Reserved For North Carolina Troops."
- The map shows the new national capital, "Washington or / the Federal City."
- The map discusses the land ownership rights of Native Americans

Respecting The Lands of Native Americans

Perhaps the most interesting addition to this state of the map is the discussion of Native American land ownership rights. The lands outline in purple are described as:

*The Aborigines or Indians and Boundaries of the Lands which they have Granted {**The Whole of the Countries not actually settled by Europeans, should belong by right to the Aborigines**, but our Intention has been only to Indicate the few Limits that are known of their respective Possessions, as well as the Boundaries of Lands granted by them, or those with the Several States, to which they have agreed}.*

A fascinating statement, perhaps in part reflecting the the British anti-American sentiments of the



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moment, as certainly this would not have been Britain's position had America remained a group of British Colonies.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color retouched.