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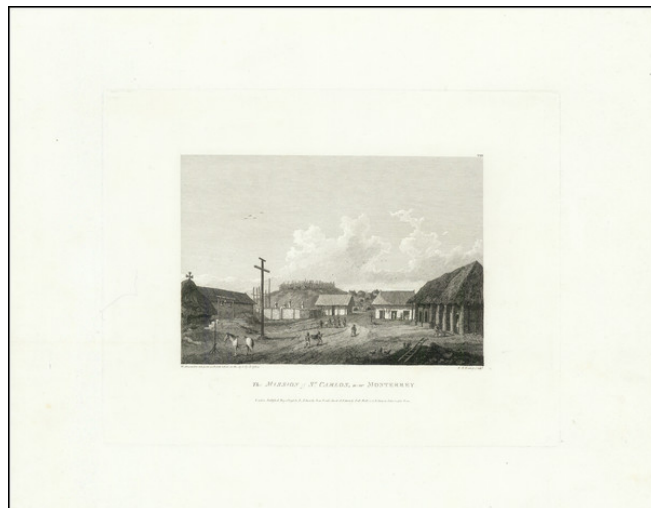
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(The First View of Carmel-By-the-Sea?) The Mission of St. Carlos, near Monterrey

Stock#: 88093
Map Maker: Vancouver

Date: 1798
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9 x 6.25 inches (not including title)

Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

The Construction of the San Carlos Mission, Carmel-By-The-Sea.

Delightful 18th-century engraved view of Carmel-by-the-Sea, showing the San Carlos Mission during construction as visited by George Vancouver on his voyage to the Pacific Northwest. This view likely represents the first printed view of Carmel-By-The-Sea.

The view shows a rather small town with several early European and indigenous buildings. Bells are shown, as are various other religious symbols. The Mission remains under construction. It would be completed five years after Vancouver visited, in 1792.

The first Mission San Carlos was established in 1770 in Monterrey, but it was relocated to the mouth of the Carmel River in the following year. In 1784, Father Junipero Serra was buried at the San Carlos Mission, reportedly his favorite. The Basilica was completed in 1797, from which period onwards it was the head of all the Missions in Alta California.

Primacy

We are unaware of any earlier views or maps of Carmel-By-the-Sea. It is unlikely that an earlier published Spanish view exists, as few such publications on Alta California exist. For the most part, the Spanish government did its best to limit publicizing their settlements. Searches for other, earlier, views have not produced any results.



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Detailed Condition:

Wide margins.