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[Washington & Oregon] Amer. Sep. No. 38. Partie Des Etats-Unis

Stock#: 93549
Map Maker: Vandermaelen
Date: 1825
Place: Brussels
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 18 inches
Price: \$ 975.00



Description:

The Best Large Format Map of Its Generation -- Oregon Territory After Lewis & Clark

Fine example of Vandermaelen's map of parts of Washington and Oregon from 42 to 48 degrees latitude, and from 120 to 130 degrees longitude, one of the most detailed maps of the period for this region and the only map to focus narrowly on this section of the Northwest.

Issued shortly after Treaty of 1818 between the United States and British North America, established the boundary between the two along the 49th parallel of north latitude from Minnesota to the "Stony Mountains" (Rocky Mountains), but omitted a resolution of the boundary further west. The region west of those mountains provided for joint control of that land for ten years. Both countries could claim land and both were guaranteed free navigation throughout. By the 1820s, American expansionists called for the annexation of the entire region up to Parallel 54°40' north, the southern limit of Russian America as established by parallel treaties between the Russian Empire and the United States (1824) and Britain (1825). The question would remain open until the mid-1840s.

A note off the mouth of the Columbia River references Captains Lewis & Clark's arrival on November 13, 1805 and departure on April 23, 1806. The map also provides a meticulous account of the Indians tribes in the region.

The map extends north to the southern part of Puget Sound, and appears to reach beyond Seattle and possibly to Everett. The map names Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helens, and Mt. Jefferson and locates Forts



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Astoria and Clatsop at the mouth of the Columbia River. A table gives the populations of 10 Indian tribes and numerous tribes are located throughout the map.

The map was published in Vandermaelen's *Atlas Universel*. This book was the first atlas to present all the maps on the same scale (1: 1,641,836), with each map covering an area of approximately 20 degrees longitude (from Paris) and 6 degrees of latitude. Also considered to be the first lithographic atlas ever published. Of these large-scale and highly detailed maps, Wheat said "No mapmaker had previously attempted to use such a large scale for any western American area."

States

While it is generally believed that there was only one edition of Vandermaelen's atlas, we have over the years identified 2 states of many of the maps. One state includes printer's details below the lower neatline, the second state does not.

There are 3 states of the map. The states can be differentiated as follows:

- "Partie L'Oregon" title. Vandermaelen credit and 1825 date at bottom left in the first state
- "Partie L'Oregon" title. Significantly improved topographical details in the second state and the font size changed for "No 38"
- Title changed from "Partie L'Oregon" to "Partie des Etats Unis"

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling.