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Toxcatl, God of Droughts and Inundations. Cod. Vat. Tlaloc. God of Water. Cod. Vat.  
Tecuilitontli [Tecuilhuitontli] The Lesser Festival of the Lords. Cod. Vat.**

**Stock#:** 103009  
**Map Maker:** Shippard  
**Date:** 1834 circa  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Pen & Ink with Wash Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 10 x 16 inches  
**Price:** \$ 3,500.00



**Description:**

***Tlaloc, Aztec God of Water With Two Friends***

A beautiful original early 19th-century watercolor of three Aztec deities, including Tlaloc, God of water, rain, and thunder. This accomplished watercolor was executed by William H. Shippard, a significant but largely unheralded English Mesoamericanist who copied the images from Mexican codices, specifically the Codex Vaticanus A, as it appeared in the color lithograph by Agostino Aglio in Lord Kingsborough's *Antiquities of Mexico*. Shippard is chiefly remembered today for being a close friend of George Catlin, the



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famous American painter of North American Indians.

The three figures shown here are major deities in the Aztec pantheon:

- Toxcatl. God of droughts and inundations.
- Tlaloc. God of water. The sixth month in the Aztec calendar.
- Tecuilhuitontli. The seventh month of the Aztec calendar, as well as the festival relating to the deity Xochipilli, with feasts are also given to Goddess Huixtocihuatl. Known as the Small Festival of the Lords, here Shippard has noted: "The Lesser Festival of the Lords."

**Detailed Condition:**

Original pen and ink drawing with watercolor. Sheet age-toned.