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A New Map of South America From The latest Authorities . . . 1811

Stock#: 94457
Map Maker: Cary
Date: 1811
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 36 inches (if joined)
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

John Cary's 1811 dual-sheet cartographic depiction of South America is a significant testimony to the cartographic knowledge and curiosity of the period. Highlighting a broad range of geographical features, from urban settlements, river systems, and mountains, to islands and lakes, it captures the continent with commendable intricacy.

By the start of the 19th century, South America was a continent in flux, subjected to intense colonial interest and exploration. The cartographers of the time faced the challenge of mapping a vast, diverse, and often little-understood territory. Cary's map, with parts of the Amazon region labeled as "Unexplored



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Parts," is a clear reflection of these challenges and the state of geographic knowledge of South America in the early 19th century.

Cary's map, as well as being a practical tool, is a visual reflection of the curiosity and ambition of the age, mirroring the spirit of discovery and expansion that defined the period. Although the map reveals the still rudimentary understanding of certain areas, such as the Amazon, it also embodies the thirst for knowledge and the sense of possibility that marked the early 19th century.

The value of the map, therefore, lies not only in its presentation of the continent as understood in 1811 but also in its capacity to illuminate the aspirations and limitations of its time. It offers viewers a tangible link to a moment in history when much of the world was yet to be fully explored, making it a compelling addition to any collection of antique maps or historical artifacts.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Two separate sheets. Minor dampstain, offsetting, and foxing. The bottom sheet is from the 1807 printing and the top from the 1811 printing. Good to VG.