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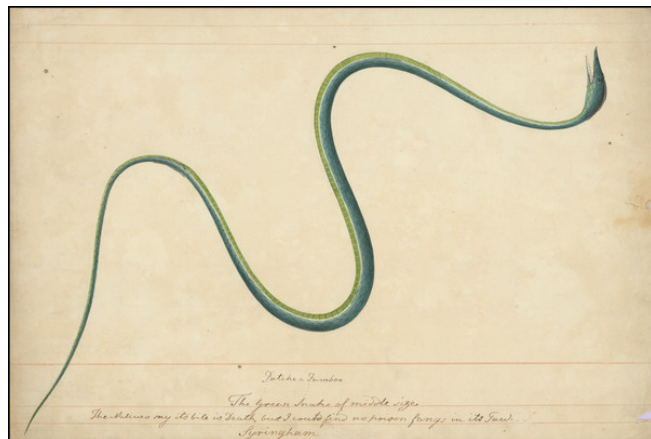
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Patche = Pamboo The Green Snake of size [Original watercolor of an Indian vine snake]

Stock#: 103911
Map Maker: Schumacher
Date: 1785 circa
Place: Seringapatnam (Srirangapatna),
Mysore
Color: Pen & Ink with Wash Color
Condition: VG
Size: 17.75 x 12 inches Full sheet
Price: \$ 4,500.00



Description:

This fantastic drawing of an Indian vine snake of the genus *Ahaetulla* is attributed to Johannes Schumacher, an associate of William Paterson, the famous explorer, natural history collector, and eventual Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales.

Based on a partially effaced inscription, we conclude that the drawing was made at Syringham, Mysore, India, shortly after the conclusion of the Second Anglo-Mysore War, probably for William Paterson, who fought in the war. A detailed discussion of the attribution of the drawings and other related ones is presented in the following essay.

The inscription reads:

*Patche = Pamboo / The Green Snake of size / The Natives say its bite is Death but I could find no
poison fangs in its Jaw. [J.S.] / Syringham. [1785?]*

Detailed Condition:

Original ink and watercolor drawing on a sheet of late-18th-century laid Whatman paper watermarked "JWhatman" (see main description for a discussion of the dating significance of the watermark). Two short tears at the right edge. Ink inscription along the bottom margin. Ruled in red as for a ledger book.