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Plano la Bahia de Monterey Situado en la California Septentrional . . . 1825

Stock#: 3958
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1825
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Spanish plan of the Bay of Monterrey, based upon Spanish Surveys, one of the earliest obtainable printed maps of Monterey and the first large format Spanish map.

The map illustrates Cyprus Point, the Mission de San Carlos, Spanish Fort, and anchorage points of the coastline, along with the, Punto de Año Nuevo, Rio del Carmen and Medanos de Arena. Harley surmised that the work was produced as part of a series of maps to commemorate Mexico's independence. Published for his excellency Senor Don Guadalupe Victoria, the first president of the Republic of Mexico.

Jake Zeitlin, the venerable Los Angeles Bookseller of the mid 20th Century reported that he had been told that the map was published by Arrowsmith in London. The quality of the paper and engraving certainly suggest that this is possible. The map is exceedingly rare, with only a handful of examples known. This example has massive wide margins and has never been folded, suggesting it may have been a presentation copy, issued separately as a diplomatic or similar gift.

Detailed Condition: