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(Ohio) Description topographique de la Virginie, de la Pensylvanie, du Maryland, et de la Caroline septentrionale: Contenant Les Rivières d'Ohio, Kenhawa, Sioto, Cherokee, Wabash, Des Illinois, Du Mississippi, &c. ...

Stock#: 50387
Map Maker: Le Rouge / Hutchins
Date: 1781
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 5.5 x 8.5 inches 8vo
Price: \$ 12,500.00



Description:

"Valuable source for the western country during the late British period" - Howes

First Edition in French. Includes two engraved plans on one folding sheet, "Plan des Villages de la Contrée des Illinois" & "Plan des Rapides de la Rivière d'Ohio"; plus "Carte des Environs de Fort Pitt et de la Nouvelle Province Indiana," this last hand-colored in outline - it is traced from Hutchins' large map, "A New Map of the Western Parts of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and North Carolina" and is not in the English edition. The folding table shows distances from Fort Pitt to the juncture of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

Hutchins' work stands as one of the best sources for the West during the British period, especially for the Illinois Country. When the American Revolution broke out Hutchins was unwilling to fight against his countrymen (he was a New Jersey native), for which action he was charged with treason and imprisoned. He was released in 1780, made it to France, and with help from Benjamin Franklin returned to America. After the war he was appointed Geographer General of the United States.

Thomas Hutchins... spent his youth in the West and served as an officer first with the Pennsylvania troops during 1757-59 and then in the regular British service until 1780... As a military engineer he traveled extensively... The Topographical Description discusses navigation on the Ohio River and the natural resources in that valley and its tributaries; the possibility of a wagon road connecting the headwaters of the Kanawha and the James; the navigability of the Shawanoe [Cumberland] River and especially of the Cherokee [Tennessee] River below and above Muscle Shoals - Clark.

The final four pages have a list of Indian tribes in the area, as well as an interesting catalog of American



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maps by Le Rouge: *Cartes de l'Amerique, copiées fidèlement sur les Cartes Angloises, qui se trouvent chez le Sr. Le Rouge.*

Detailed Condition:

Octavo. Expertly bound to style in recent quarter gilt speckled calf over orange-red paste paper boards, antique. Red leather spine label. Vellum-tipped corners. Minor to moderate stain to the gutter of the last few leaves, touching the gutter margin only of the folding map of "Indiana" and the table of distances (text and image unaffected). Very few corners repaired elsewhere. 68, [4] pages. 3 engraved maps on two folding sheets and engraved table of distances. Complete. A most attractive example.