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Tabula Californiae Anno 1702 Ex autoptica observatione delineata a R.P. Chino e S.I.

Stock#: 50639 Map Maker: Kino

Date: 1702 (1726)
Place: Augsburg
Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG+

Size: 14.5 x 9.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

The Map That Ended The Myth of the Island of California

Nice example of Kino's seminal map of California, the map credited with ending the myth of California as an Island.

Though this Kino map was originally drawn in 1702, the map first appeared in this 1726 Augsburg publication. The map was issued at the beginning of the push to establish Jesuit Missions in California, which were first founded in 1697 and later stretch up most of the California coast. Kino's map carefully records the results of nine journeys he made in northwestern Mexico and along the Colorado River. On one of these, sighting only land to the west from an elevation near the head of the Colorado River, Kino



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declared unequivocally that California was part of the North American continent. Although progressive European Cartographers adopted Kino's geography, the California-as-an-island myth was not fully dispelled until 1746 when another Jesuit, Father Consag, provided conclusive proof.

The map first appeared in Stocklein's *Allerhand So Lehr-Als Geist-Reich Brief* . . . , published in Augsburg in 1726 in 6 parts and then augmented in with an additional 2 parts. A second edition of the book was published in 1728, with the title changed to *Neue Welt Blott*.

Detailed Condition:

Manuscript note at bottom left corner.