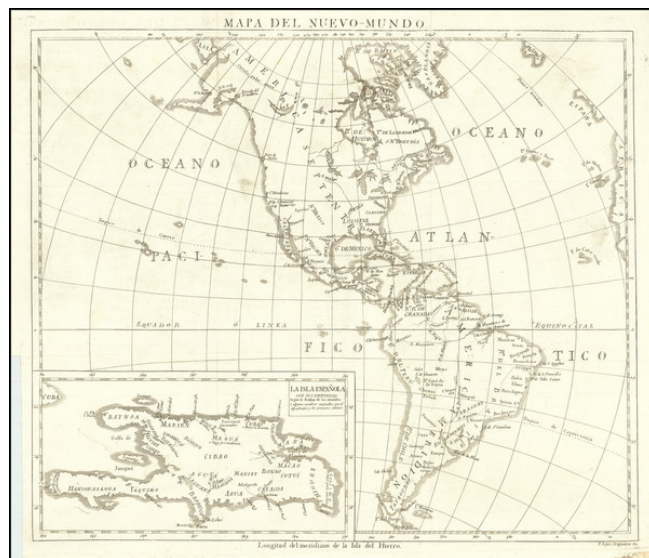# Barry Lawrence Ruderman
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Mapa del nuevo-mundo [Rare Early Appearance of San Francisco Bay]

Stock#: 85432
Map Maker: López

Date: 1793
Place: Madrid
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 15 x 13 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

Rare Early Appearances of San Francisco and Hawaii

Nice example of Tomas Lopez's scarce map of America and Hispaniola, published in Madrid in 1793.

While intended to illustrate a history of the World and specifically the lands discovered by Columbus, this is a remarkably up to date map, especially for a Spanish publication. Hawaii, while unnamed, is clearly delineated, but perhaps most remarkably, San Francisco is shown, among the earliest printed maps to include the Bay of San Francisco.

Early Appearances of San Francisco Bay

The discovery of San Francisco Bay by a Spanish Missionary party led by Juan Bautista de Anza was as well guarded secret.

The first appearance of the map is on Miguel Costanso's C*arta Reducida Del Oceano Asiatico, Ó Mar Del Sur, Que Comprehende La Costa Oriental Y Occidental De La Peninsula De La California*), which was also engraved by Lopez in 1771. The map was followed by a map of America by Lopez dated 1772, but there after, the rest of the cartographic world remained ignorant of the existence of San Francisco Bay until 1790, when a copy of Costanso's map was acquired by Alexander Dalrymple in England, who thereafter published an English copy.

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A check of maps we have handled prior to 1793 shows no other maps which locate San Francisco Bay, other than the three mentioned above. Even Lopez's wall map of the World does not include San Francisco Bay.

Detailed Condition: