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[One of the First Printed Views of California] A Remarkable Mountain near the River of Monterrey

Stock#: 88071
Map Maker: Vancouver
Date: 1798
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9.125 x 6.125 inches (not
including title)
Price: \$ 375.00



Description:

One of the First Printed Views of California From An Original Drawing.

Important early view of the Mountains near Monterey, California, drawn by John Sykes during the Vancouver Expedition (1791-95).

The present view is one of three printed views which are believed to be the earliest known printed views of Upper California.

Vancouver was the second foreign (non-Spanish) visitor to California. He had been instructed to explore the North Pacific, and to see that the provisions of the Nootka Convention were carried out. After meeting the Spanish commissioner at Nootka, he sailed down the coast and on November 14, 1792, entered San Francisco Bay in the *Discovery*. He was received by Comandante Sal at the presidio and by the padres at the mission. The British party was taken to visit Santa Clara Mission by the Spanish officials—the first time that foreigners had journeyed into the interior of California. Returning to San Francisco, Vancouver went to Monterey, where he was received cordially. Over the next 3 years, Vancouver would return to Monterey twice.

Three of John Sykes' illustrations while in California were included in the official account of Vancouver's expedition, *A Voyage of Discovery to the North Pacific Ocean and Round the World, 1791-1795*. Published in 1798 to wide public acclaim, Vancouver's narrative greatly increased the European public's knowledge



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about the Pacific Coast.

Born in England in 1773. Sykes joined the Royal Navy at age ten and became a midshipman on the Pacific Expedition led by Captain George Vancouver in the years 1792-94. He executed sepia wash drawings of the Presidio at Monterey and the Carmel Mission. Sykes remained in the navy for the rest of his life and was made an admiral shortly before his death in 1858.

Detailed Condition: