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Paraguay or Rio de la Plata

Stock#: 92182
Map Maker: Seller

Date: 1679
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 2.25 x 3.75 inches each

Price: $ 245.00

Description:

This English map of Paraguay, produced by John Seller for his *Atlas Minimus* in 1679, presents an intriguing snapshot of late 17th-century geographical understanding.

Centered on the course of the Rio de la Plata, the map offers a miniature snapshot of the region from the river's mouth at the Atlantic Ocean to slightly beyond Lago de los Xarayes.

The map text identifies eight significant territories within the region—Paraguay, Chaco, Rio de la Plata, Tucuman, Trapalanda, Parana, Guayra, and Urvaig.

Seller's representation of the course of the Rio de la Plata, the map's central feature, is notable. While its contours may not align perfectly with the river's actual trajectory, its prominence on the map underscores the importance of this waterway as a crucial artery for exploration, trade, and colonial expansion. Similarly, Lago de los Xarayes, positioned at the north of the river's course, reflects European imaginings about this supposed 'lake,' which was more likely a seasonal wetland area in the Pantanal.

Detailed Condition: