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## [ Indians Collecting Gold ] Auri legendi ratio in rivis e montibus Apalatcy decurrentibus. XLI.

**Stock#:** 98374  
**Map Maker:** De Bry  
**Date:** 1591  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 8.5 x 10 inches Including Text  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Indians Collecting Gold From The Streams*

The text describes how the natives collect gold from the streams in the Appalachian Mountains by diverting the banks of the river so as to catch the sand brought down by the current. They remove the sand with hollow reeds.

The engraving was published by Theodor de Bry in his *Grand Voyages* (1591), based upon watercolor illustrations made by Jacques Le Moyne de Morgues, are the earliest known European depictions of Native Americans in what is now known as the United States. Le Moyne, a member of the short-lived French colony known as Fort Caroline founded by Huguenot explorer Rene Goulaine de Laudonniere (ca. 1529-1574), based the watercolors on his experiences in Florida in the 1560s.



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De Bry later published Le Moyne's work, along with other illustrations of the New World, as part of an effort to encourage European colonization in the Americas. Jacques le Moyne de Morgues, an illustrator and explorer, sailed with René de Laudonnière on the 1564 Huguenot expedition to Florida. Laudonnière set up Fort Caroline on the St. John's River in 1564, but the settlement was destroyed by the Spanish army under Pedro Menendez de Aviles.

**Detailed Condition:**