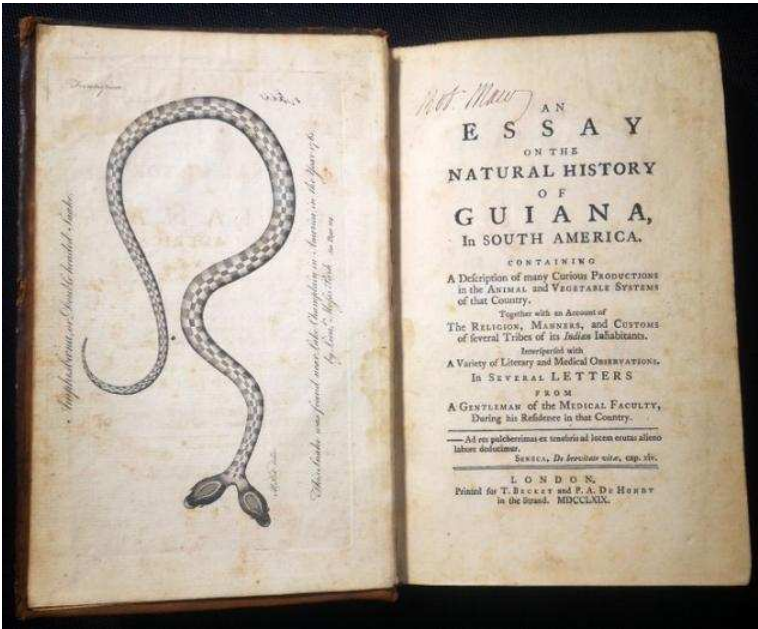


Edward Bancroft (1744-1821) - Essay on Natural History of Guiana South America (very rare)



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Edward Bartholomew Bancroft (January 20, 1745 [O.S. January 9, 1744][1] – September 7, 1821) was an American physician and chemist who became a double agent, spying for both the United States and Great Britain while serving as secretary to the American commission in Paris during the American Revolutionary War. He was friend with Benjamin Franklin and Joseph Priestly and was a fellow of the Royal Society.

First an only edition in 8vo [21 x 13.5 cm]; [iv], iv, [ii], 402, [iv, ads] pp, frontis of two headed snake found by Lieutenant Mofes Park in 1764. Age toning to the page edges and end papers, smart bookplate inside Some light toning to margins, good in near fine cover.

According to Casey Wood, 220: "One of the earliest and most informative accounts of the flora and fauna of the Guianas." Sabin 3106: "A very useful and entertaining work." Field 70: 'The especial subject of the author's inquiries regarding the Indians is the nature and use of the Wourali Poison, with which their weapons are charged'. Cox II, 281. Not only a description of the natural history of the area, but includes a description of the native peoples and geography, rivers and villages.

This a very rare book. Chiudi

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