

## CONDITION ASSESSMENT & LOAN FORM

<b>Call Number:</b> A-34 H565GH v.4	<b>Lab Number:</b> #2011/12-096	
<b>Library/Department:</b> Rubenstein Library	<b>Author/Artist:</b> Antonio De Herrera	
<b>Librarian:</b> J. Andrew Armacost	<b>Title:</b> The General History of the Vast Continent and Islands of America	
<b>Date Examined:</b> 7/23/12	<b>Publication Date:</b> 1726	<b>Number of pages:</b> 422
<b>Examined by:</b> Erin Hammeke	<b>Size: H</b> 19.9 cm	<b>W</b> 12.8 cm <b>T</b> 3.5 cm
<b>Special instructions:</b> For Pre-Columbian Exhibit at the Nasher, September 2012; opening to plate at page 356		

**\*\*COMPLETE BEFORE LOAN\*\***

### Description:

Lightweight, laid white paper text letterpress printed with black printer's ink as well as red printer's ink on the title page. Wood engraving and intaglio prints with black ink throughout text, including two foldout plates at pages 290 and 356. Text was formed into four-folio sections, single-folio lightweight laid paper endleaves were added, and then the text was sewn on five raised cords. Red and white hand sewn endbands were attached. The edges were trimmed and sprinkled with red.

The text is bound in what appears to be a contemporary, tan sprinkled full calf binding with double gold tooled lines on the covers. The binding was recently rebacked with a lighter calfskin and gold tooled on the spine. There is a new gold stamped greenish-black goatskin skiver spine label attached.

### Condition:

The text is in excellent condition. There are no apparent tears, creases, stains or losses to the text. There is very minimal surface dirt visible along the text edges and at the front and back of text.

The binding is in good condition. There are areas of wear and red rot to the leather along the board edges.

The text opening is somewhat restricted and only opens safely to about 90°. Display cradle should be constructed accordingly.

**\*\*COMPLETE UPON ITEM'S RETURN\*\***

**Note changes to the condition of the item (if any) here:**

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