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**The cartography of José Custódio de Sá e Faria and the territorialization process of Rio Grande de São Pedro in the second half of the 18th century**

The figure of the Portuguese engineer José Custódio de Sá e Faria (1710-1792) emerged in the history of Rio Grande de São Pedro within the context of the Luso-Hispanic strifes fought in Rio da Prata from the second half of the 18th century, and had his performance in the region divided in two moments: first as a demarcator of the boundary expeditions of the Treaty of Madrid; and in a second moment as a governor, during the period of Castilian occupation in Rio Grande. Under new legal precepts such as *uti possidetis*, the war situation made it necessary to delimit the South American territories and to define the boundaries between the Crowns of Portugal and Spain, thus demanding the work of Portuguese military engineering to establish, through maps, the knowledge and naming of space for the purpose of its territorialization, appropriation and effective occupation in the face of the Castilian offensive. Therefore, from the perspective of the New History of Cartography, considering the map as a product of human action and, consequently, of the conjuncture in which it fits, we take the maps as representations that can be elaborated under certain political ideals. In view of this, the objective is to quantify the incidence of Portuguese toponymy in José Custódio de Sá e Faria's maps that referring to the dispute zones in the territory of Rio Grande de São Pedro, seeking to analyze whether the hypothesis of toponymic appropriation for the process of expansion of the Portuguese border is verifiable in cartography.

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