Caption: Felipe Guaman Poma de Ayala (Quechua, ca. AD 1535–1616). The execution of Atahualpa, 1615, The First New Chronicle and Good Government. The Royal Library, Copenhagen (GKS 2232 4°). Atahualpa and the Spanish adventurer Francisco Pizarro met face to face in 1532. Backed by Native rebels from the north, Pizarro and his men took Atahualpa hostage and demanded a huge ransom in gold and silver. To pay it, the Inka stripped their temples and palaces of precious metal, enough to fill one room with gold and two rooms with silver. After receiving the ransom, Pizarro had Atahualpa strangled. Tawantinsuyu was in Spanish hands in July 1533.