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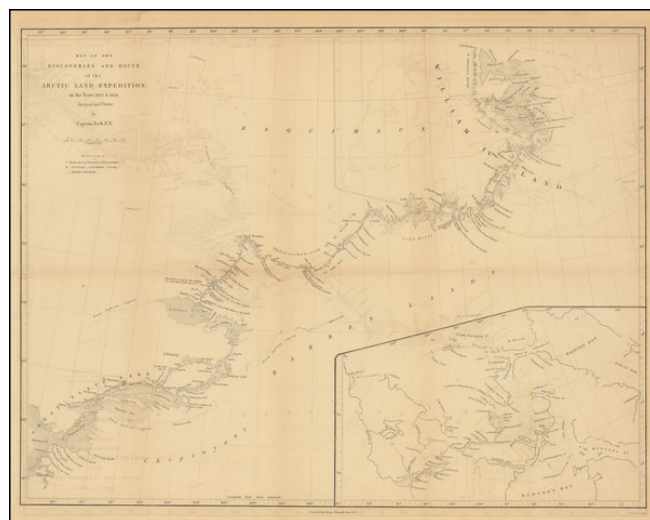
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Map of the Discoveries and Route of the Arctic Land Expedition in the Years 1833 and 1834. Surveyed and Drawn by Captain R.N. Back

Stock#: 101873
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1836
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.25 x 14.75 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed map of the region explored by Captain Richard N. Back, documenting his Arctic exploration in 1833 and 1834.

The present map, which appeared in Volume the Sixth, 1836, Part 1 of *The Journal of the Royal Geographical Society* of London, meticulously records the geographical findings and route of the expedition aimed at charting previously unexplored parts of the Canadian Arctic.

Admiral Sir George Back (6 November 1796 - 23 June 1878), the leader of this expedition, had a notable naval and exploration career starting from his early service in the HMS *Arethusa* in 1808. After various naval engagements and after being held prisoner in France, Back participated in Arctic expeditions with John Franklin before leading his own.

The 1833-1834 expedition, detailed in this map, was initiated to locate the missing Arctic explorer John Ross and explore uncharted territories. Departing England in February 1833, Back reached Great Slave Lake in August and established winter quarters at Fort Reliance. He discovered and mapped the Back River, known from Indigenous reports but unseen by Europeans, in late August 1833.

In June 1834, Back departed from Fort Reliance, navigating through areas such as Artillery Lake and Clinton-Colden Lake, and meticulously charting the course along the Back River. His journey continued through territories marked by numerous rapids until reaching Chantrey Inlet on 23 July, where he confirmed the sighting of King William Island before returning.



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The map illustrates significant geographical and hydrographical features identified during the expedition, including lakes, rivers, rapids, and coastal lines, with detailed annotations of the route taken by Back and his team. The expedition concluded with Back's return to Fort Reliance on September 27, 1834, and eventually to England on September 8, 1835.

Detailed Condition:

Minor toning and offsetting.