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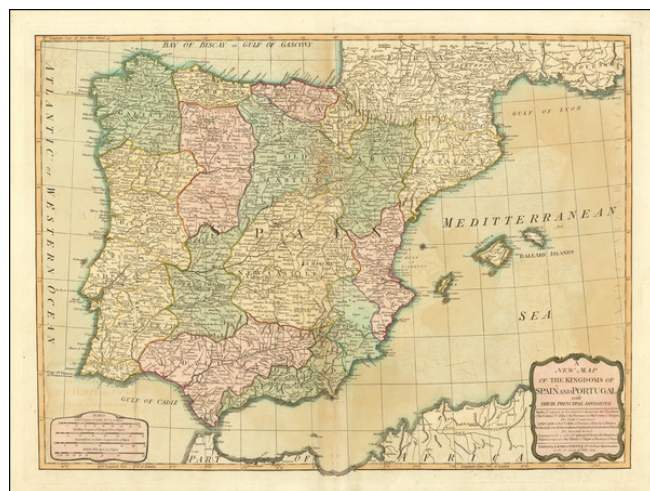
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A New Map of the Kingdoms of Spain and Portugal with Their Principal Divisons . . . 1794

Stock#: 72022
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 195.00



Description:

A New Map of the Kingdoms of Spain and Portugal with Their Principal Divisions is a detailed antique map of the Iberian Peninsula on the cusp of the Napoleonic Wars, dated 1794. Published in London by Laurie & Whittle, this map stands as an invaluable historical record, revealing the geopolitical landscape of Spain and Portugal just prior to Napoleon's peace treaty with Spain in 1795.

This map depicts the specific division of Spain into provinces under the Crown of Castille and the Crown of Aragon. Castille's provinces, numbering eleven, include Old Castille, New Castille, Navarra, Biscay, Asturias, Galicia, Leon, Estremadura, Andalusia, Granada, and Murcia. Meanwhile, Aragon's domain includes Aragon proper, Catalonia, and Valencia, which further encapsulates the Kingdom of Majorca and the Balearic Islands—Majorca, Minorca, and Ivica.

This cartographic portrayal offers significant insights into the historical statehood of Spain, conveying the then-contemporary administrative and territorial divisions. These divisions, crucial to understanding the socio-political dynamics of late 18th-century Spain, would soon undergo significant transformations in the turbulent period that followed.

The inclusion of the Balearic Islands underscores their strategic importance in maritime affairs and trade, further adding a dimension of geopolitical significance to this map. This feature, combined with the map's overall meticulous detailing, makes it a noteworthy artifact from a momentous period in European history.

A New Map of the Kingdoms of Spain and Portugal with Their Principal Divisions thus represents a rich



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tapestry of geographical knowledge, historical relevance, and cartographic precision. Its inherent value transcends the merely geographic, speaking to the evolving political narratives of the time.

Detailed Condition:

Full original hand-color. Some offsetting.