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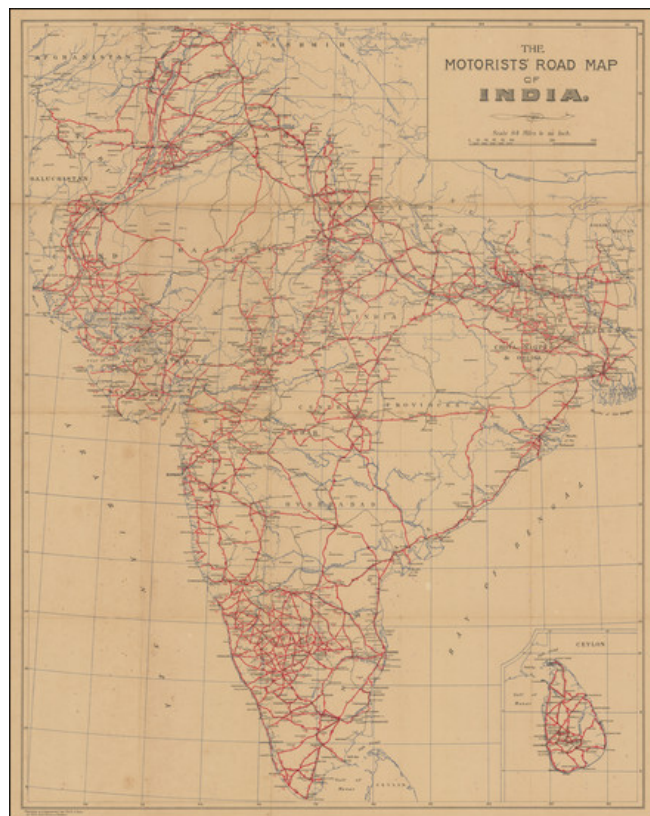
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The Motorists' Road Map of India

Stock#: 84055
Map Maker: Giles / Hate & Co.
Date: 1925 circa
Place: Bombay
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 22.75 x 28.5 inches
Price: \$ 395.00



Description:

This folding road map of India was prepared and lithographed for M.J. Giles by Hate & Co. in Byculla, Bombay. Produced prior to the Partition of India, it is rendered in blue, black, and red, featuring detailed mileage alongside road sections, rivers, and railroads. The map also includes an inset of Ceylon.

In the early 20th century, the development of motor roads in India marked a significant shift in the country's transportation landscape, primarily influenced by the increasing prevalence of automobiles and the need for more efficient trade and communication routes under British colonial rule. This period saw the gradual transformation from traditional bullock-cart paths and colonial-era horse trails to more sophisticated road networks. These early motor roads were often aligned with existing railways and major cities, facilitating not only local commerce but also enhancing connectivity across the diverse and vast terrain of the Indian subcontinent. The introduction and expansion of motor roads played a crucial role in the economic and social development of India, setting the stage for the modern transportation infrastructure that would follow in the decades to come.



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Detailed Condition:

Folding map. Even toning. Many small wormholes in the image, as illustrated.