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The Rise, Progress and Prospects of the Republic of Texas [including:] Map of Texas, compiled from Surveys recorded in the Land Office of Texas, and other Official Surveys, By John Arrowsmith. [and:] A Map of the Republic of Texas and the Adjacent Territories, Indicating the Grants of Land Conceded under the Empresario System of Mexico.

Stock#: 94046
Map Maker: Cheffins / Kennedy / Arrowsmith
Date: 1841
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 5.5 x 8.5 inches
Price: \$ 19,500.00



Description:

With the Large Arrowsmith Map of Texas

"...the most comprehensive account of Texas published during its decade as an independent nation"

Second edition, after the first edition of 1841, with the important Arrowsmith map of Texas, dated April 17, 1841, as in the first printing of the book (though some copies of the first edition were apparently not issued with the map). A key Texas book, one of the most important for the Texas Republic era, and a lasting sourcebook for historians. Kennedy had access to M. B. Lamar's private papers, which explains how the writer was able to produce such a comprehensive account, imbued with what Eugene C. Barker described as "real historical spirit," after such a relative brief stay in Texas, from April to June, 1839.

The large map of Texas by John Arrowsmith, present here with nice original outline color, is a landmark of



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Texas cartography and stands as one of the best maps of Texas as a republic. Kennedy's full-page "Advertisement" concerning the map states that it was compiled from the maps of Stephen Austin, Mitchell, surveys under the sanction of the Texas government, as well as Le Grand's survey. According to Jenkins the map was included in only a portion of copies of the original edition.

Carl Wheat is effusive in his praise of the Arrowsmith Texas, hailing it as:

....a landmark for its delineation of the pioneer counties of the State, as well as for its inclusion of Le Grand's "exploration" in what is now the panhandle and beyond. In fact, the western boundary on this map is the Rio Grande all the way to its source where a line connects with the source of the Arkansas (shown on an insert). The map shows the lands of the various tribes of Indians north of the Red and south of the Arkansas, outside of Texas, the line joining the two Rivers passing up the 100th meridian.

In addition to the Arrowsmith map, the two single-page maps, one of Matagorda Bay, the other of Aransas Bay, are present in beautiful condition. The folding map of the Republic of Texas, "indicating the Empresario System," is also notable and present.

William Kennedy was appointed by the Texas government to replace Arthur Ikin as Texan consul. In 1842 he became British Consul at Galveston. His book includes a narrative of a tour of the United States and Texas in 1838-1839. Then follows an extensive geography, topography and natural history of Texas, following by the author's history of Texas and commentary on events of the day. The book also includes extensive appendices of public documents, including the first printing in England of both the Texas Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the Republic of Texas. In fact the book had a large impact in England, Kennedy also included John C. Beales's account of his settlement of Dolores, near the Rio Grande, in 1833-1836.

Jenkins styles Kennedy's book as "the most comprehensive account of Texas published during its decade as an independent nation, and a work of such profound influence that it was a key factor in gaining English recognition of Texas independence...."

This is a most interesting book, for even in Book I on the geography and so on of Texas, and in Book II on history to 1836, Kennedy brings in various contemporary comments not usually found in the



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conventional account, and in Book III there is much in the way of contemporary articles and observations of others. All this is quite remarkable, for before the publication of his Texas Kennedy was in Texas only from sometime in April, 1839, to the end of June of that year - Streeter.

Provenance.

H.T. Fletcher, stamped signature on front free endpaper of each volume and in lower margin of page 100, 200, and 300, in each volume, and on page 400 and 500 in volume II. Fletcher was the first president of the West Texas Historical and Scientific Society, elected February 1926.

Robert Sawers, with his armorial bookplate in each volume.

Rarity.

It is increasingly difficult to find nice examples of Kennedy's *Texas*, complete with all the maps.

Detailed Condition:

Octavo. Two volumes. Contemporary full polished calf, raised bands, red leather title labels, recent black volume labels in matching style. Extremities of binding rather worn and rubbed, especially corners; hinges cracked in vol. 1, but holding firm. Withal, a solid, very good set. Uniform age-toning to leaves, otherwise text blocks are near fine. All four maps are present. Short closed mended tear to the large map where it connects to the text block. Map of the Republic of Texas has a mended separation at one of the folds. lii, 378; vi, [1], 548 pages. plus 4 maps (2 folding). Complete.