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### British Islands

**Stock#:** 96694  
**Map Maker:** Lizars  
**Date:** 1828  
**Place:** Edinburgh  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 15 x 19 inches  
**Price:** \$ 175.00



### Description:

*British Isles*, published by William Lizars in Edinburgh circa 1828, stands as a remarkable cartographic depiction of the region. Detailed in its delineation, the map portrays the various towns, roads, and mountain ranges of the British Isles, with distinct coloration demarcating the different countries.

The late 1820s marked a period of significant political and social change in the British Isles. The momentum of the Industrial Revolution was at its peak, and the push for parliamentary reform was gaining traction, eventually culminating in the Reform Act of 1832. This map, published in the heart of such pivotal times, serves as a geographical testament to the British Isles in an era of transition. It captures not just the physical terrain, but also echoes the infrastructural advancements and political boundaries of the period.

William Lizars' engraving offers viewers a glance into the precision and expertise of 19th-century Scottish cartography. The depiction of towns and roads encapsulates the intricacies of the region's connectivity, shedding light on trade routes and communication networks of the time. The color differentiation by



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countries adds a layer of geopolitical understanding, presenting a clearer picture of the territorial divisions and administrative boundaries within the British Isles.

The emphasis on natural landmarks, such as mountains, further enhances the map's utility as both a geographical and topographical reference. In juxtaposition to the man-made roads and towns, these natural features stand as timeless markers, shaping the histories and narratives of the lands they inhabit, making *British Isles* not just a map, but a comprehensive visual narrative of a region in flux.

### Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline. Minor toning and soiling. Minor repaired split at right side of horizontal centerfold.