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Richardson's Chart of the British Isles Showing Railways, Steamship Routes (with Distances) Ports, Rivers, Canals, Main Roads, Distances Between Towns, and Rainfall . .

Stock#:	99344
Map Maker:	Richardson
Date:	1912 circa
Place:	Manchester
Color:	Color
Condition:	VG+
Size:	37.4 x 46.4 inches
Price:	\$ 175.00

BRITISH ISLES

Description:

"Richardson's Chart of the British Isles" is a comprehensive early 20th-century work delineating the intricate networks of transportation and hydrography across England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. This detailed map, rich in geographic and statistical information, highlights railways, steamship routes with distances, ports, rivers, canals, main roads, and the distances between towns, complemented by meteorological data on rainfall.

The historical significance of this map lies in its depiction of the British Isles at a time when transportation was undergoing a transformative phase, with the proliferation of railway lines and steamship routes reflecting the zenith of the Industrial Revolution. The map not only serves as a snapshot of the era's transportation landscape but also encapsulates the economic energy of the period, where mobility facilitated commerce, communication, and the exchange of ideas. The inclusion of rainfall charts reveals



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an early interest in climatological impacts on the region, an aspect crucial for understanding historical agricultural patterns and industrial productivity.

This cartographic work is further enhanced by its meticulous attention to the distances between towns, a valuable resource for historians and geographers analyzing the spatial relationships and connectivity that influenced urban development and regional interactions. The depiction of canals, once the arteries of trade and industry before the supremacy of railways, marks the transition from water to rail transport as the primary means of moving goods and people.

Detailed Condition: