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### The State of Virginia from the best Authorities. 1796.

**Stock#:** 101247  
**Map Maker:** Reid  
**Date:** 1796  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 18 x 13.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,800.00



#### Description:

One of the earliest obtainable maps of Virginia published in the United States. This map was published in Reid's *American Atlas*, the second commercial atlas to be made of the new country.

The map, which shows a still-joined Virginia and West Virginia, stretches from the Chesapeake Bay to Kentucky. Detail grows sparser as the map moves inwards, with only the occasional river branch punctuating the subparallel chains of the Appalachians shown.

In the northern part of the map, an insight into the very early layout of Washington can be seen, with city blocks overexaggerated in size. The nation's capital had only been announced five years earlier, and maps of the city only started appearing a year or two before the present map.

Reid's map shows counties, towns, roads, rivers, lakes, islands, harbors, bays, courthouses, along with topographical details.

#### Manuscript

This example includes early (circa 1805) manuscript annotations naming "Indiana Territory" in western Virginia and delineating the "Territory of Columbia".

#### Detailed Condition:

Contemporary hand-color in outline. Near contemporary manuscript annotations in ink and pencil. A few



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