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[Great Lakes, etc.] Sketch of the Western Countries of Canada 1791

Stock#: 104454
Map Maker: Long
Date: 1791
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11.7 x 8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Interesting overview map of the Great Lakes region, which appeared in the journal of John Long's travels between 1768 and 1782, entitled *Voyages and travels of an Indian interpreter and trader, describing the manners and customs of the North American Indians; : with an account of the posts situated on the river Saint Laurence, Lake Ontario, &c. . . .*, published in London in 1791.

John Long's map, engraved on copper, illustrates the extensive territory from the Great Lakes north to James's Bay and from the upper Mississippi east to the St. Lawrence. Numerous forts, early settlements, and Indian villages are meticulously located throughout the map, providing a detailed representation of the region during a period of significant historical and cultural interaction.

John Long, who spent time living at the Caughnawaga mission and fought alongside pro-British Indians during the American Revolutionary War, offers a vivid and graphic record of Indian life, customs, and the fur trade. His experiences and observations capture the fierce competition among Montreal traders and with the Hudson's Bay Company. By 1788, he had returned penniless to England, but his account remains an invaluable source of information on the era's socio-cultural dynamics.

The map includes detailed depictions of Indian chiefs, tribal members, and place names in various indigenous languages. It also features descriptions of Indian villages in Upper and Lower Canada, upstate New York, and the Great Lakes region.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing and soiling, primarily at top right corner. Minor offsetting.