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Map of the United States of America [H.S. Tanner's First Map!]

Stock#: 18584
Map Maker: Tanner / Melish
Date: 1812
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

First edition of John Melish's map of the United States and the first map engraved by Henry Schenk Tanner, who would go on to produce some of the best American maps and atlases of the 19th Century.

According to Walter Ristow, this is Tanner's first map, which appeared in Melish's *Travels in the United States of America, in the years 1806 & 1807, and 1809, 1810 & 1811 ... Illustrated by eight maps. . .* (Thomas & George Palmer, agents for the author. 1812.). Ristow notes that Tanner's name is listed on the U.S. map in this first edition, but it is removed in the second edition, making it very easy to identify the states and Tanner's contribution. The map itself would have a fascinating life. After appearing in early Melish Travel guides, the map would be augmented with additional information and reissued over the next decade in several important American works, including William MacClure's *Geographical Memoir. . . .* published by the American Philosophical Society.

An interesting map of the United States, reflecting the early collaboration of two of America's most important map makers.

Detailed Condition:

Lower right margin extended. Some soiling and repairs in lower right corner, with residue of cleaning. Flattened.