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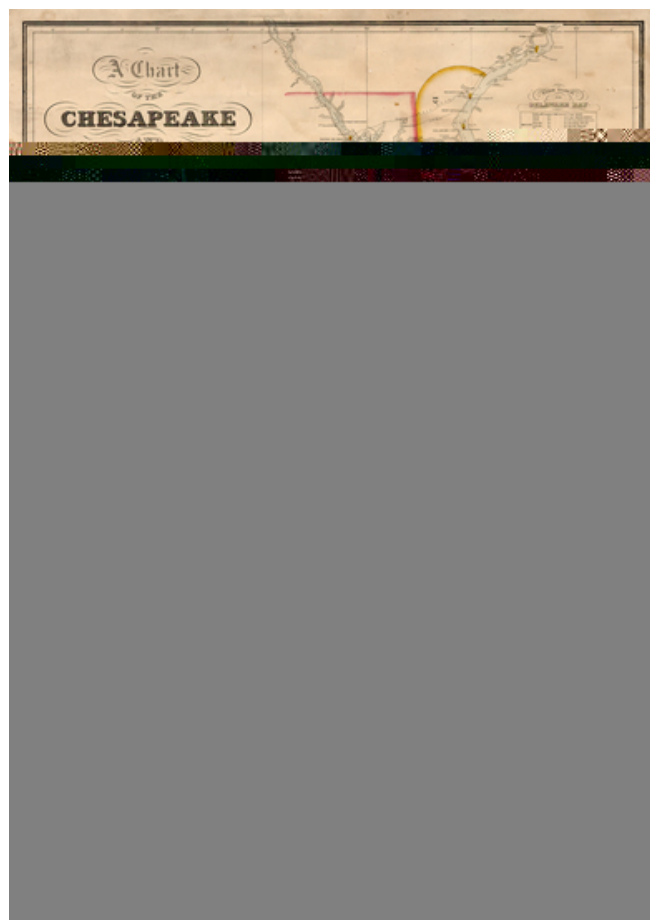
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**A Chart of the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays. Compiled and Published By Fielding
Lucas Junr.**

Stock#: 19233
Map Maker: Lucas Jr.
Date: 1859
Place: Baltimore
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 40 x 29 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare and highly desirable chart of the Chesapeake and Delaware Rivers by Fielding Lucas.

Shows inland navigation on the rivers as far upstream as Philadelphia, Port Deposit, Baltimore, Washington, and for considerable distances up the Rappahannock, York and James Rivers. Soundings extend along the eastern shore into the lower Chester River, Eastern Bay, the mouth of the Choptank, and Tangier Sound. The entrances to both major bays depict the major shoals, and the bays on the Atlantic side of the peninsula are sketched in. There are four profile views of the shore, and tide tables for both bays.

Fielding Lucas, the only map and chart maker operating in Maryland at the time, first issued the chart in



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1829. Morrison & Hansen note that it represented an innovated use of color, which was not employed by the US Coast Survey or its successors until the 20th Century. Morrison & Hanson note that three of the four views on the map derive from British Admiralty sources. The present example is backed on linen and was used as a working chart. It is a remarkable example, in clean and attractive condition, with only minor soiling and other faults. Lucas was one of the most celebrated early 19th Century map makers. His separately issued maps are rare on the market.

Detailed Condition: