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Scotland with its Islands, Drawn from The Topographical Surveys of John Ainslie & c. . . . 1813

Stock#: 40316
Map Maker: Faden
Date: 1813
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 30 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking large format map of Scotland, based upon the recent surveys of John Ainslie & c. . . . 1813.

John Ainslie (1745 - 1828) was a Scottish surveyor and cartographer, born in Jedburgh, the youngest son of John Ainslie, a druggist. He began his career as an apprentice to the "Geographer to King George III", engraver and publisher Thomas Jefferys, and worked as a surveyor and engraver for the English County series of maps.

After Jefferys' death he returned to Scotland where he surveyed Scottish counties, engraving and publishing the maps. His primary focus was on the coasts and islands of Scotland. The quality of his maps challenged others to improve their mapping style making maps more clear and easy to read. From 1787 to



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1789 Ainslie worked on a new nine sheet map of Scotland, publishing it in 1789. The map was a landmark in the improvement of the outline of Scotland and for the first time showed the Great Glen as a straight line and Skye, Mull, and Islay shown with more accuracy than had previously been seen.

He worked as a surveyor on several civil engineering projects including the Forth and Clyde canal with Robert Whitworth, Charles Rennie on Saltcoats harbour, and the Glasgow to Ardrossan canal.

Detailed Condition: