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British Possessions in North America From Mr. Arrowsmith's Map of North America &c. &c.

Stock#: 43677
Map Maker: Pinkerton
Date: 1814
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 28 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Pacific Northwest Before Lewis & Clark

Fascinating map of British America, Alaska and the Northwest part of America, immediately pre-dating the first incorporations of the details from the Lewis & Clark expeditions, published in 1814.

The Missouri River appears as far north as the Mandans and Snake Nation, with the Rocky Mountains looming as a virtual blank slate to the West, a picture which would be quickly re-written with the dissemination of Lewis & Clark's report in the same year as this map was issued.

Nice details along the Saskatchewan [sic] River, as far as the Rocky Mountains and the Cattanahowes and Black Foot Indian Lands, with notes regarding Coal in the Southern Branch and its tributaries.

The Rocky Mountains extend in a single narrow Cordillera as far north as 65 degrees, with MacKenzie's discoveries noted just to the North. A number of Hudson Bay Trading Houses appear. Along the Northwest Coast, there is a single primitive Cordillera extending from just North of San Francisco to the mouth of the Columbia, where the Mountains become a bit more complex, extending north to Valdez Island and Mt. St. Elias.

North of Vancouver, there are 3 Indian Villages named, and a route across the Rockies. An apocryphal Columbia River is shown in the general area of the Fraser, but generally the area between the Rocky Mtns and the Coast Range is blank.



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