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United States of America Compiled from the latest & best Authorities by John Melish . . . 1818

- Stock#:45405Map Maker:Melish
- Date:1818Place:PhiladelphiaColor:Outline ColorCondition:VGSize:19.5 x 16 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice separately issued example of Melish's map of the United States.

Includes notes on Lewis & Clark, a massive Missouri Territory, early Michigan Territory and Northwest Territory. A number of Western Forts are shown in the Mississippi Valley, Texas is named, with a badly mislocated Galveston and a handful of other placenames, including Ft. Matagorda.

The treatment of the Missouri River Valley is of particular note, reflecting the information derived from Lewis & Clark.

The map shows towns, roads, Indian placenames, river and a handful of early and not always accurate exploration notes.

John Melish's larger wall map of the United States is generally regarded as the most important map of the United States published in the 19th Century. The map, first published in 1816, is the first map of the United States to extend from Coast to Coast. A favorite map of Thomas Jefferson, the map is often referred to the the "Manifest Destiny" map.

Detailed Condition:

Narrow lower left margin, as issued. Minor tear at lower left margin.