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Game of The Star-spangled Banner, or Emigrants To the United States.

Stock#: 46604
Map Maker: Wallis
Date: 1840 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 26.5 x 195 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Board Game Maps of the United States

Fascinating board game, emphasizing the flora and fauna of the United States and its natural beauty.

A scarce and fascinating cartographic game designed to teach British children about the United States. The game shows a winding, numbered route identifying 147 features within the Eastern US and Canada. Illustrated on the map are buildings, settlements, settlers, slaves, native people, wildlife, steam and sailing vessels, forests, mountain ranges, and other features of the natural and human landscape.

The route begins in the ocean, the first feature illustrated being a sea-serpent reportedly sighted off Gloucester in 1817, makes land at New York and wends its way all over the American countryside. Among the more notable features are gold mines in Virginia and South Carolina and a mammoth skeleton identified as "the Missouriian... a fossil animal of immense size." The game's author must have been an abolitionist, as the map also features scenes of slave labor in the South and a lynching scene in Arkansas described as "an odious practice, too frequently indulged in, in the states that are at a great distance from the general government..." A handsome cartouche appears at lower right, featuring a native American holding a bow and standing before a boulder upon which is engraved the title. Atop the rock perches an



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eagle on its nest, and a rattlesnake slithers through the grass at right.

Whitehouse illustrates the map as the fronticepiece for his reference book on table games.

Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on linen, as issued.