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North America

Stock#: 53025
Map Maker: Pinkerton
Date: 1815
Place: Edinburgh
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 27 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking wash color example of John Pinkerton's scarce map of North America.

Pinkerton's map is one of the best English maps of North America to appear on the eve of the report of Lewis & Clark's return. Wheat regarded this map as noteworthy for its treatment of both the early Lewis & Clark reports and the integration of information from Pike. Wheat notes the Pinkerton's map introduced a cartographic innovation, by showing a dashed line leading northwesterly, named Missouri River, according to former conjectures.

To the south, proceeding west in the style of Soulard's maps, appears the words *Missouri River according to Capt. Lewis*. The R. Jefferson and Madison R. appear at the headwaters of the Missouri, just east of a single range cordillera named Rocky Mountains. The Gallatin River is also named.

Wheat also notes that Pike struggled to reconcile Soulard's maps with Pike's treatment of the Missouri Basin. Pike's highest peak is shown but not named, and the Kansas, Arkansas, Rio Bravo del Norte, Colorado (of the West) and R. De S. Buenaventura, all flow in various directions, the latter reaching the western limits of Valle Salado, a hint of Escalante. Pinkerton ignored the Yellowstone River completely. Wheat noted that Pinkerton's text book was a veritable book of obsolete cartography, primarily the result of his struggle to reconcile Soulard and Pike. An essential map for Western and Northwestern collectors.

Detailed Condition:

Some offsetting.