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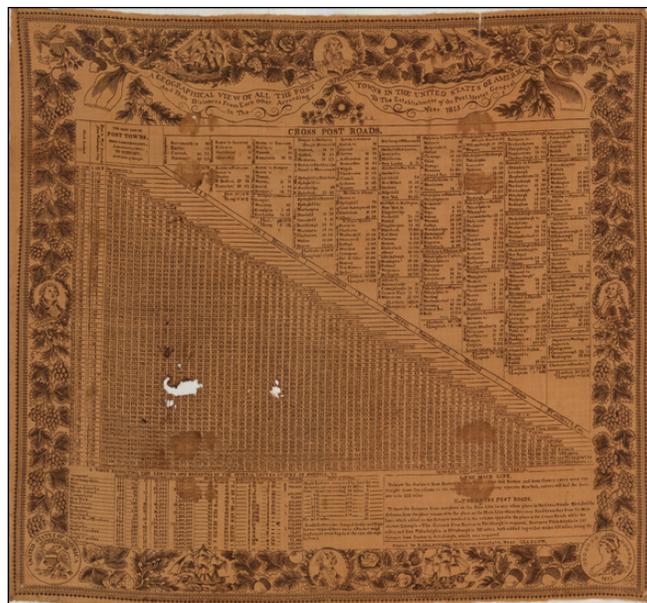
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A Geographical View Of All The Post Towns In The United States of America And The Distances From Each Other According To The Establishment of the Post Master General In the Year 1815

Stock#: 53438
Map Maker: Gillespie
Date: 1815
Place: Anderston, Scotland
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 24 x 21.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare post road and distance chart, printed on linen, detailing the post roads in United States during the War of 1812.

Rare decorative broadside on linen detailed the services of the American postal system.

The broadside includes three charts summarizing the American post road network, surrounded by a decorative grapevine border, extra illustrated with medallions of the first four presidents, four sailing ships, Lady Liberty, and the seal of the United States.

The main chart tracks the distance between post towns along the "Main Line" from Georgia to Maine. To the right, a chart shows the "Cross Post Roads, giving distances along post roads crossing the main line and a statistical table.

This broadside is drawn from on a 1796 version issued in Boston by Samuel Ruddock and engraved by Benjamin Callendar.

Robert Gillespie



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The printer, Robert Gillespie, was one of three sons of William Gillespie, Cotton Spinner and Calico Printer, who was active outside of Glasgow at the end of the 18th Century. One of his sons, Colin Gillespie, move to America and became a successful merchant. Colin's brother, Richard Gillespie, took over the calico printing business in 1808 or 1809.

Colin Gillespie arrived in the United States in 1793, became a citizen in 1798 and thereafter travelled between the United States and Great Britain on business for a number of years, trading under the name of Colin Gillespie & Company ,

Detailed Condition:

Several minor areas of loss and several areas of soiling.