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Africa.

Stock#: 54662
Map Maker: Arrowsmith & Tanner
Date: 1841
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Fair
Size: 50 x 62.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Greatest Early American Map of Africa.

Rare American imprint copying Arrowsmith's important wall map, the latter of which was originally published in 1802.

"One of the greatest maps ever published. Arrowsmith simply stripped away centuries of accumulated myth, misconception, and unsustainable guesswork, and took the mapping of Africa back to the bare bones of substantiated fact, leaving the interior as a blank canvas, a challenge to a new generation of explorers. As a picture, many of his predecessors of a century earlier would not have thought of publishing it, as a statement of intent it raised the standard for geographical accuracy above that practiced by the vast majority of his contemporaries" (Mapforum #5).

The American Arrowsmith Africa

There are three known states of the American version of the Arrowsmith Africa. The first was published in Philadelphia in 1812, by Kimber & Conrad and Johnston & Warner. The second state was printed in 1831 and removes the dedication. This, the third state of 1840 adds the inset at upper right.

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Detailed Condition:

Full original hand color. Dissected in 32 sections and laid on linen. Linen frayed with some sections split. The linen is fragile, but the map should be pleasing to a collector who can accept honest original condition on such a rare item.