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## Map of China Compiled from original Surveys & Sketches . . . 1844

**Stock#:** 56593  
**Map Maker:** Wyld  
**Date:** 1844  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 31 x 24 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Early State of Wyld's Large Map of China

Highly detailed map of China, published shortly after the conclusion of the First Opium War, reflecting Britain's new commercial interest in China.

An early state of James Wyld influential map of China, produced from 1840 to 1884. The present example is dated 1844, just 2 years after the First Opium War (1839-42) opened the Chinese Empire to the West and its commerce.

The map shows China as ruled during the Qing Dynasty. The details are the product of years of western attempts through traders, missionaries and spies to obtain good information on the interior of China. China is divided into its traditional provinces, extending north to the Great Wall of China.

Korea seems to be shown as part of China, due to a British misunderstanding of East Asian politics, as while Korea was a tributary state of China, it was an independent nation. Because the British had virtually no contact with Korea, it was assumed that it was part of China.

China also does not include Xinjiang and Tibet, which had not yet been conquered by the Qing Emperor.

### Detailed Condition:

Repaired fold split. Minor discoloration at folds.