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Map of British Guiana From the latest Surveys of Schomburgk, Owen, Hilhouse, & others; & Those of Hancock, Van-Cooten, Bouchenroeder, & Bercheyck . . . 1838.

Stock#: 64841
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1839
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce map of British Guiana, first published in 1838.

The English made at least two unsuccessful attempts in the 17th century to colonize the lands that would later be known as British Guiana, at which time the Dutch had established two colonies in the area: Essequibo, administered by the Dutch West India Company, and Berbice, administered by the Berbice Association. The Dutch West India Company founded a third colony, Demerara, in the mid-18th century.

During the French Revolution, when the Netherlands were occupied by the French, and Great Britain and France were at war, Britain took over the colony in 1796. A British expeditionary force was dispatched from its colony of Barbados to seize the colonies from the French-dominated Batavian Republic. The colonies surrendered without a struggle. Initially very little changed, as the British agreed to allow the long-established laws of the colonies to remain in force.

In 1802 Britain returned the colonies to the Batavian Republic under the terms of the Treaty of Amiens. But, after resuming hostilities with France in the Napoleonic Wars in 1803, Britain seized the colonies again less than a year later. The three colonies were officially ceded to the United Kingdom in the Anglo-Dutch Treaty of 1814. The UK continued separate administration of the individual colonies until 1822, when the administration of Essequibo and Demerara was combined. In 1831, the administration Essequibo-Demerara and Berbice was combined, and the united colony became known as British Guiana.



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The full title of the map is:

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Respectfully dedicated To His Excellency Henry Light Esqr. Governor in & over said Colony
By His Excellency's Very Obedient Humble Servant J. Hadfield, . . . Crown Surveyor. George Town Demerara, 1st Augt. 1838.*

Detailed Condition:

Publisher's hand-coloring. Some light offsetting.