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Carey's General Atlas, Improved and Enlarged; Being a Collection of Maps of the World and Quarters; Their Principal Empires, Kingdoms, &c.

Stock#: 68308
Map Maker: Carey / Carey & Son
Date: 1818
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 12 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Final Edition of Carey's General Atlas in Attractive Original Outline Color.

This is the final edition of Carey's *General Atlas*, the first edition of which was issued in 1804. The present volume is from the third iteration of the atlas, the plates for which were engraved in 1814.

The 1818 edition is quite rare, this being the only example we have seen on the market in over a decade.

The 1818 edition is also noteworthy in that it has an important change to the Mississippi Territory plate that creates Alabama. This change is also reflected in the double-page general map of the United States.

The Carey *General Atlas* series was the most important set of atlases published at the beginning of the new republic; it stretched from the first world atlas published in America in 1795 right up through the War of 1812 to the final edition of 1818. The Post-Napoleonic economic crash of the late 1810s and early 1820s put a small stop to the development of new atlases, but the relentless progress of American mapmaking would begin again in the 1820s and reach a fever pitch by the middle of the decade.

Detailed Condition:

Folio (17 x 11.5 inches). Contemporary half calf over marbled paper boards (worn, leather friable, hinges cracked but holding). 58 engraved maps, all of which in attractive outline publisher's color. (Title trimmed and laid down to front pastedown as often the case with atlases of this period.) A beautiful unsophisticated example.