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## Mexico (Texas on the eve of Independence)

**Stock#:** 68370  
**Map Maker:** Arrowsmith  
**Date:** 1834  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 23.5 x 19 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *First State of Arrowsmith's Map of Mexico*

Gorgeous wide-margined example of the first edition of Arrowsmith's Map of Mexico, from an early edition of the *London Atlas*.

Predating Texas independence by a little more than one year, the map is rich with early cartographic details in Texas and Upper California. The Austin Colony is shown, as is S. Felipe de Austin. At least 10 Indian villages appear. De Witt's colony also appears on the Guadalupe River. Cabello and Gonsalves are also named. At least a dozen early place names appear, with remarkable detail along the coast, Galveston Bay, Matagorda Bay, etc. The detail in Upper California is also noteworthy, although more so for its inaccuracies and myths. The mythical river system of California is still very much in evidence, as is a block shaped Salt Lake. The Gila has its terminus in the Gulf of California. The Marties R. and mythical lake still appear.

While San Francisco Bay is no longer connected to Salt Lake, there is a curious series of rivers and swamps off the Rio Buenaventura near Tahoe and Reno with a note regarding fresh water tides, etc. The American Fur Depot on Salt Lake is named, and the Camino Real and the Missions of Upper California are named. Many early roads and explorations routes are shown, including Captain Bell's route on the Arkansas, Long's Route, the Spanish Trail to Santa Fe, and others.

An essential map for regional collectors.



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