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Stock#: 72146
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1840
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 23.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A striking map of France during the July Monarchy, published by John Arrowsmith. The map shows extensive detail as to the roads, railways, cities and mountains of the country. Shows limited detail in adjoining countries including Spain, Switzerland, England, and the Low Countries. Includes an inset map of Corsica.

An inset divides the country into provinces. Interestingly, this division was abolished in the French Revolution, however Arrowsmith choose to portray them. They may have made a popular reappearance during the Bourbon Restoration. These provinces bear more resemblance in size and distribution to English counties than they do to their modern equivalent, the regions of France. Alsace, Provence, Lorraine, Normandy, and Britany are about the only ones which retained their shape into the 21st century after being brought back during the Law of Decentralization; after the reforms of 2016 under Hollande, none are presently recognizable. These Provinces vary widely in shape and size from Languedoc and Guienne which sweep across the south to the tiny counties of Artois, French Flanders, and Aunis.

This map is well designed and contains extensive information and detail, typical of Arrowsmith's maps. In



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all, it is a clear map of France from the mid-19th century, showing an area which was on the brink of revolutions of 1848.

The map appeared in John Arrowsmith's *London Atlas*. The choice of outline colors makes for an attractive and bright map.

Detailed Condition: