## Chart of the West Indies And Spanish Dominions in North America. By A. Arrowsmith. 1803.

**Stock#:**        7299
**Map Maker:**     Arrowsmith

**Date:**          1803
**Place:**         London
**Color:**         Outline Color
**Condition:**     VG
**Size:**          76 x 48 inches

**Price:**         SOLD

### Description:

First edition of Arrowsmith's map of Mexico & the West Indies, and the only edition to extend to the Pacific, thereby showing modern Texas and parts of New Mexico and Arizona.

The treatment of East & West Florida is also of note.

The map was reduced in subsequent editions, following the issuance of Arrowsmith's case map of Mexico in 1810. The treatment of Mexico and Central America is the best and most accurate to date. Preceding the maps of Humboldt & Pike, the map is noteworthy in its accurate depiction of the regions addressed by each of these explorers in the following decade.

Rumsey notes that it is ironic that Humboldt would criticize Arrowsmith's use of Humboldt's map of Mexico in Arrowsmith's later maps of Mexico, when Arrowsmith created such a detailed and accurate map of the region prior to Humboldt's map. Rumsey further notes that while Arrowsmith's map of Mexico issued in 1810 is a more accurate and detailed treatment of the region, the 1803 map is impressive in its accuracy and detail.

Streeter notes that the coast line follows generally the Carta Esferica of 1799, but with the longitude of Sabine Pass nearly correct, unlike the Carta Esferica. Humboldt spends the better part of 4 pages criticizing the map's accuracy.

A landmark map, despite Humboldt's critique, offered here in 8 sheets, each dissected into 4 pieces, and laid into the original slip case.

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