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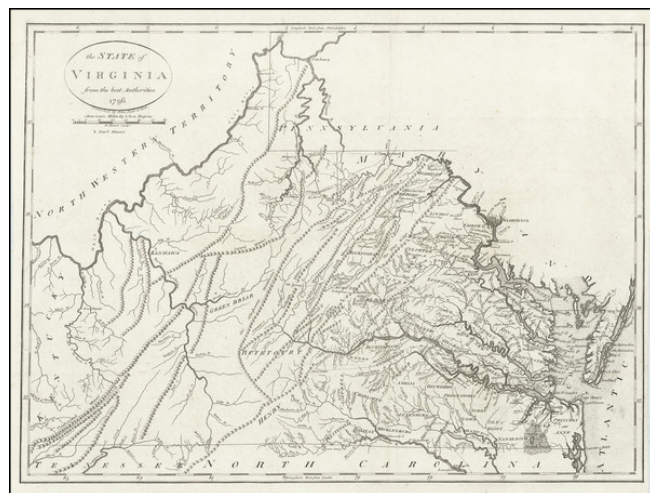
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The State of Virginia from the best Authorities. 1796.

Stock#: 76436jc2
Map Maker: Reid
Date: 1796
Place: New York
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20.5 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the earliest obtainable maps of Virginia published in the United States. This map was published in Reid's *American Atlas*, the second commercial atlas to be made of the new country.

The map, which shows a still-joined Virginia and West Virginia, stretches from the Chesapeake Bay to Kentucky. Detail grows sparser as the map moves inwards, with only the occasional river branch punctuating the subparallel chains of the Appalachians shown

In the northern part of the map, an insight into the very early layout of Washington can be seen, with city blocks overexaggerated in size. The nation's capital had only been announced five years earlier, and maps of the city only started appearing a year or two before the present map.

Reid's map shows counties, towns, roads, rivers, lakes, islands, harbors, bays, courthouses, along with topographical details.

Detailed Condition:

Margin trimmed a little close in the lower right, accounted for by the binding tab above. Some flattened folds.