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## Map of Upper Egypt, Drawn from Various Documents By A. Arrowsmith. Hydrographer to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Additions to 1816.

**Stock#:** 83410

Map Maker: Arrowsmith

**Date:** 1816

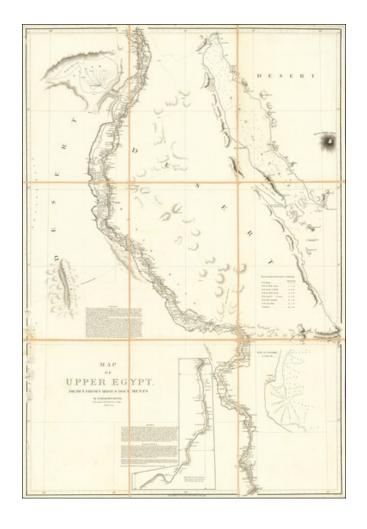
Place:

**Color:** Outline Color

**Condition:** VG+

**Size:** 26 x 38.5 inches

**Price:** SOLD



### **Description:**

### Arrowsmith's Upper Egypt with Inset Showing Explorations of Legh and Smelt

Rare second state of Aaron Arrowsmiths separately published map of Upper Egypt, first issued (without the inset map) on November 20, 1807.

This is the second state of the map, which adds a large inset map of the "River Nile, From the Cataracts to Ibrim, by Thomas Legh Esqr. M.P. & the Revd. Charles Smelt A.D. 1813." The inset is based upon the account of Thomas Legh's travels in Egypt between 1812 and 1813, which was published as *Narrative Of A Journey In Egypt And The Country Beyond The Cataracts* in 1816. Legh travelled in Egypt with Rev.



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Charles Smelt, whose journal Legh used in this narrativee. Exploring above Aswan, they reached as far as Nubia, where they were among the first modern explorers to examine the temples.

The map extends from Cairo and Suez in the north to the Assouan area and includes a text block describing the Roads, Navigation of the Nile River, and discussion of Egypt's Canals. While largely focused on the area around the river, the map shows important roads, springs, topography and the hydrographical features of the "Sea of Suez."

The overland route of "Mr. Irwin" in September 1777 is shown, showing the route taken by the Irish poet Eyles Irwin and later popularized in his *A Series Of Adventures In the Course Of a Voyage Up the Red-Sea, On the Coasts Of Arabia and Egypt,* published in 1780. A table at the right shows the distances From Cossier Fort Gate to Ghinnah, with information on the major wells along the route.

#### **Rarity**

The map is apparently very rare, especially this second state.

RBH locates 1 example at auction in the past 50 years (1807 edition). AMPR lists 2 examples of the 1807 edition offered by Jonathan Potter in the past 30 years (1996 and 2000). The last example of the 1816 edition in RBH was offered by Francis Edwards in 1973.

OCLC locates a single example of the 1816 edition in the British Library.

#### **Detailed Condition:**

Segmented and laid on linen, as issued.