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(Western Asia) Vorder Asien, unfassend Klein Asien, Syrien, Arabien, Iran und Turan, Balutchistan, Afghanistan, die Lander am Euphrat und Tigris und die Kaukasus Lander

Stock#: 94466
Map Maker: Weimar Geographische Institut
Date: 1866
Place: Weimar
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 22 x 20 inches
Price: \$ 195.00



Description:

"Vorder Asien" is an impressively detailed map of Western Asia, drafted by A. and C. Graf and produced by the Geographical Institute in Weimar in 1866. The map encompasses regions including Anatolia, Syria, Arabia, Iran, Turan, Baluchistan, Afghanistan, the lands along the Euphrates and Tigris, and the countries of the Caucasus, all represented at a scale of 1:8,000,000.

This map delineates political boundaries in Western Asia during the mid-19th century, clearly marking out the Ottoman Empire, the Russian Empire, the Sultanate of the Wahhabis (modern-day Saudi Arabia), the Realm of the Imam of Oman (Muscat), British possessions, and Portuguese possessions. The representation of these various political entities provides an essential glimpse into the geopolitical realities of Western Asia during this period.

The terrain is rendered with exceptional accuracy and detail by L. Kraatz, revealing the region's topographical characteristics and facilitating an understanding of how geography shaped historical events and human activities. The varying textures and contours lend depth to the region's diverse landscapes, from the rugged mountain ranges to the fertile river valleys.

The map's legend, "Erklärung," presents a comprehensive guide to interpreting geographic nomenclatures in the map's featured Asian languages, including Arabic, Persian, and Turkish. This feature, unique to the time period, reflects a deep understanding of the region's linguistic diversity and offers a significant educational element to the map. The legend also assists in translating the topographic symbols and



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abbreviations, enhancing the user's comprehension and engagement with the map.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline. Early red crayon manuscript linking Constantinople and Baghdad.