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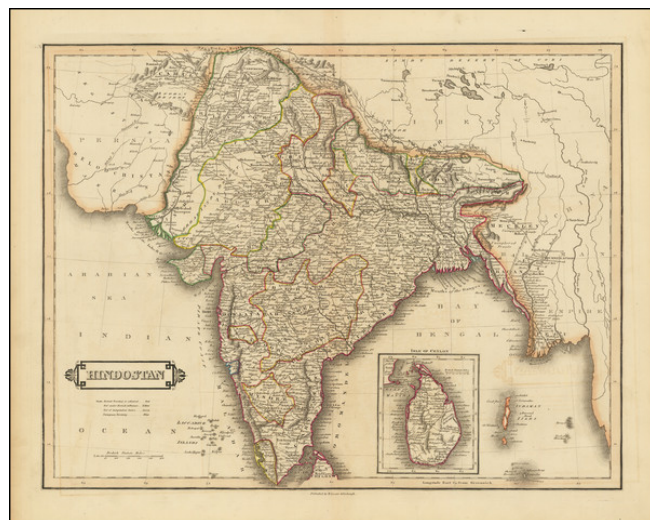
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Hindustan [with inset:] Isle of Ceylon

Stock#: 94596
Map Maker: Lizars
Date: 1825 circa
Place: Edinburgh
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches
Price: \$ 225.00



Description:

Hindustan by William Home Lizars, with its inset depiction of the "Isle of Ceylon," offers a compelling glimpse into the early 19th-century geopolitical landscape of the Indian subcontinent. Notably, Lizars employed a color-coding system, distinguishing British territory, territories under British influence, territories of independent states, and Portuguese territory.

In the early 19th century, Britain's colonial rule on the Indian subcontinent was expanding rapidly, and this map aptly represents that historical moment. The visual color distinctions provide a stark illustration of Britain's dominion (represented in red) and areas under its influence (in yellow), contrasting sharply with territories of independent states (in green) and Portuguese holdings (in blue). This graphic portrayal of colonial influence underscores the burgeoning British control of the region during this period.

The map further illuminates the transitional period in Indian history when the region was gradually being subsumed under the aegis of the British East India Company. It presents a historical geographic context that underscores the trajectory of the subcontinent as it moved towards the consolidation of British rule, which would significantly shape its socio-political and economic structure.

Detailed Condition:

Original outline hand-color.