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Arabia

Stock#: 95059
Map Maker: Pinkerton
Date: 1813
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 27.5 x 20.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

Arabia, a large format map of the Arabian Peninsula, the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea and surrounding areas, was issued by John Pinkerton in London in 1813. The map offers a rich topographical vista of the region, with a particular focus on the vast expanses of the Great Desert and the Province of Neged.

The map's dominant feature, the Great Desert, is balanced by the intricate detailing of mountains, rivers, and other natural elements throughout the peninsula. This fusion of the grand scale and excellent detail paints a comprehensive picture of the region, reflecting Pinkerton's dedication to creating an accurate and informative cartographic resource.

The map notes a number of key locations in what is now the United Arab Emirates and adjacent areas, providing valuable historical context for the development of the region. For instance, it identifies Kattar, present-day Qatar, along with other notable places, reflecting the geopolitical landscape of the time. Of particular interest, Sharjah is marked as Sharedsje Island, located at the mouth of the Flag River, indicating how place names have evolved over time.

John Pinkerton's elephant folio atlas, from which this map originates, is celebrated as one of the finest engraved works of its era. Though not as widely recognized as the atlases produced by contemporaries like Cary and Thomson, Pinkerton's work stands out for its superior detailing and commitment to accuracy. This map of Arabia exemplifies the high standards of his work, making it a remarkable asset for scholars of regional geography and history.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color.