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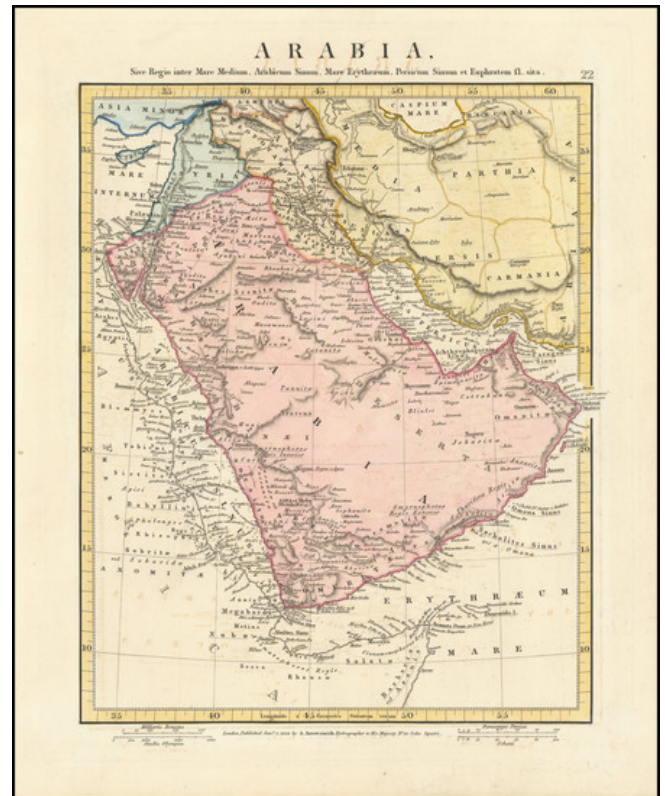
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Arabia Sive Regio inter Mare Medio, Arabicum Sinum, Mare Erythraeum, Persicum Sinum, et Euphratem fl. sita

Stock#: 95221
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1828
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fascinating map of the Arabian Peninsula in ancient times, published by the British cartographer Aaron Arrowsmith.

This map, written in Latin and devoid of any modern names, focuses on an expansive region — the ancient Arabian Peninsula and its surrounding water bodies, notably the Mediterranean Sea (Mare Medio), the Arabian Gulf (Arabicum Sinum), the Red Sea (Mare Erythraeum), the Persian Gulf (Persicum Sinum), and the Euphrates River (Euphratem fl.).

The Mediterranean Sea, which translates to the 'Middle Sea', has been an essential trade and travel route since ancient times. It saw the rise of several civilizations including the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans, each leaving their mark on history through art, philosophy, and architectural marvels. With intricate details on the map, Arrowsmith perfectly captures the essence of this cradle of civilizations.



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Moving southeastward, we encounter the Arabian Gulf or Arabicum Sinum. This water body has been home to several ancient cultures, including the Dilmun civilization, regarded by some as the original Garden of Eden. The map reflects the various islands and coastal cities that dotted this region, serving as major trade hubs between Mesopotamia, the Indian subcontinent, and East Africa.

Further south, the Red Sea or Mare Erythraeum is represented, a crucial trade route that connected the Roman Empire with the Kingdom of Aksum and India. Arrowsmith's map details the ancient ports along its coast, such as the Egyptian Berenike, showcasing its importance in fostering cultural exchange and economic prosperity.

To the east of the Arabian Peninsula lies the Persian Gulf or Persicum Sinum, an area of immense historical significance. Ancient civilizations like the Sumerians, Babylonians, and Persians thrived here, cultivating arts, sciences, and literature. The map subtly illustrates the Tigris and Euphrates rivers' convergence, marking the location of the ancient Mesopotamian city of Ur, which saw the birth of writing and law.

Finally, the Euphrates River or Euphratem fl., the longest river of Western Asia, is also depicted on the map. The river played a key role in the establishment of the Mesopotamian civilization, particularly in areas like irrigation and transportation. Arrowsmith highlights its winding course, offering viewers an understanding of the river's significance in shaping human history.

Detailed Condition: