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## Map of the Province of Malabar Drawn from Various Surveys

**Stock#:** 95889  
**Map Maker:** Arrowsmith  
**Date:** 1809  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** Good  
**Size:** 26 x 39.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 4,500.00



### Description:

*Map of the Province of Malabar* produced by Aaron Arrowsmith and published in 1809 in London, captures the vast region of Malabar, in southwest India. It spans from the scenic north-eastern hilly terrain of Wayanad to the southern reaches of Cochin and parts of Travancore, while encapsulating the Indian Ocean to the west and stretching east to Seringapatam.

Aaron Arrowsmith's map provides a rich visual record of the province of Malabar at the outset of the 19th century. The map is infused with a wealth of geographical details, including the delineation of rivers, mountains, and forests. Beyond the physical geography, the map also provides critical insights into the socio-political landscape of the time. It incorporates elements such as the political boundaries, major



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settlements, and transportation routes, creating an intricate historical snapshot of the region during this period.

The late 18th century, just before when this map was drawn, was a tumultuous period in Indian history, with ongoing conflicts between the British East India Company and various Indian factions. The notorious Anglo-Mysorean Wars exemplified the colonial powers' quest to dominate the region's trade and resources. Arrowsmith's map subtly captures these tensions, with notations such as "Irenaar given up to the Talcavey" and "Pangeah, was given up by the Rajah of Coork to Trippoo in 1792," marking the territorial shifts resultant from these conflicts.

Of note is the map's depiction of part of the Nedumkotta or Travancore lines. These extensive fortifications, stretching about 65 km from Padmanabhapuram in the south to Paravur in the north, were erected to protect the Travancore kingdom from incessant invasions. During the Third Anglo-Mysore War, the lines withstood the British East India Company's assault, ultimately contributing to the war's stalemate. Thus, Arrowsmith's map not only represents a rich geographical resource but also stands as a testament to the historical complexities and contestations of the early 19th-century Malabar region.

#### **Rarity**

Very rare. OCLC locates copies only at Wurttembergische Landesbibliothek and Bibliotheque Nat & Univ Strasbourg.

#### **Detailed Condition:**

Somewhat worn and toned, especially at the edges. Top margin extended from neatline, but for a tab of original printing. Good to VG.