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A New Map of Germany, Divided Into Its Circles; viz. The Upper and Lower Rhine, Sabia, Austria, Bavaria, Upper and Lower Saxony... With the Kingdom of Bohemia... 1799

Stock#: 97270
Map Maker: Cary
Date: 1799
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20.5 x 18 inches
Price: \$ 175.00



Description:

A New Map of Germany, Divided Into Its Circles, engraved by John Cary and published in London in 1799, offers an incisive look into the geopolitical intricacies of the German Empire during the twilight of the 18th century. Delineating boundaries from the Baltic and the Gulf of Dantzic in the northeast to the Low Countries in the northwest, and from the Republic of Venice in the southwest to Belgrade in the southeast, Cary's work illustrates the vast and varied territories under German influence at this pivotal juncture in European history.

The close of the 18th century marked a time of substantial flux in the European landscape. The German Empire, a complex network of territories and states, was seeing the last of its Holy Roman Empire days, soon to be dissolved in the early 19th century. Amidst the broader European backdrop of revolutionary fervor, Napoleonic ambitions, and the reconfigurations of territories, the German Empire's portrayal here captures a fleeting moment before the storms of change would redraw its maps.

John Cary's cartographic prowess is evident in his astute representation of the empire's divisions: the various circles like the Upper and Lower Rhine, Sabia, Austria, Bavaria, and Upper and Lower Saxony, among others. Notably, Cary includes the Kingdom of Bohemia, emphasizing its significant role within the Germanic sphere. These divisions are pivotal for they provide the viewer with an understanding of the regional balances and intricacies that would play a crucial role in the subsequent political negotiations and



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In totality, Cary's *A New Map of Germany* stands as a testament to the transitory nature of empires and the complexities of geopolitical configurations, serving as a window into a Europe on the precipice of monumental transformations.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color.