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A New Map of South Carolina with its Canals, Roads & Distances from Place to Place, along the Stage & Steam Boat Routes . . . 1847

Stock#:97437Map Maker:Mitchell

Date:1847Place:PhiladelphiaColor:Hand ColoredCondition:VGSize:11.75 x 14.25 inches

\$245.00

Description:

Price:

A fine map of South Carolina from the Antebellum Era.

This interesting map depicts all of South Carolina, as it appeared in 1847, during an era of rising political tensions, which would eventually lead to the U.S. Civil War (1861-5). However, it was also the 'Age of the Improver' in America, when vast and diverse infrastructure projects were being created.

The 1840s was a period of great growth in South Carolina, its population rose from 595,00 in 1840 to 670,000 in 1850. As noted in the title of the map, numerous roads, railways and canals had been built across the state. By this time, railways linked Charlestown to the capital Columbia and lines throughout the south by way of Augusta, Georgia. An inset in the lower left details the city of Charleston, then the second busiest port in the South. A table in the lower right details the distances between several points in the state.

The map was issued by Samuel Augustus Mitchell (1790-1868), one of the most important American mapmakers of the 19th Century.

Detailed Condition: