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A New Map of Swisserland Divided Into Its Cantons and Dependencies, Including The Grisons &c. &c. . . . 1799

Stock#: 97758
Map Maker: Cary
Date: 1799
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 18 inches
Price: \$ 145.00



Description:

A New Map of Swisserland Divided Into Its Cantons and Dependencies, Including The Grisons &c. &c. . . . 1799, is an intricate regional map of Switzerland by John Cary of London. With precise representations of towns, roads, rivers, mountains, lakes, and castles, the map provides an important portrait of Switzerland at the end of the 18th century.

At the time of the map's creation, Europe was in the throes of the French Revolution, and the shockwaves of the political upheaval reached even the neutral terrains of Switzerland. As such, this map serves not only as a geographical document but also as a historical testament, capturing the tumultuous era's effect on Swiss cantonal divisions. It differentiates between the "Antient" and "New" cantons—a clear reflection of the evolving political landscape.

Furthermore, this map is particularly notable for its inclusion of a detailed religious key, identifying Protestant, Catholic, and mixed locations throughout the Swiss landscape. As religion has always played an important role in the cultural and social dynamics of Switzerland, this layer of information adds depth to our understanding of the region's complex history and cultural diversity.

Finally, the comprehensiveness of John Cary's map, both in geographic terms and with regards to the breadth of information it provides, signifies its important role in the field of cartography. Its presentation of various independent states, associates and confederates to the cantons, and Italian and Free Bailliages



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underscores the complexity of the Swiss political scene during this time, marking it as an invaluable resource for historical and geographical research.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Stains in the top margin, easily matted-out.