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## Weltcharte in Mercators Projection; von Christian Gottlieb Reichard.

**Stock#:** 99195  
**Map Maker:** Reichard / Campe  
**Date:** 1825  
**Place:** Nuremberg  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 71.75 x 50.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *The Most Detailed World Map of the First Quarter of the 19th Century.*

This 1825 wall map by Christian Gottlieb Reichard is a tour-de-force depiction of the world reflecting the geographical knowledge and discoveries up to 1824. It was published by Friedrich Campe in Nuremberg as a significant update to Aaron Arrowsmith's [\*Chart of the World on Mercator's Projection, Exhibiting all the New Discoveries to the present Time\*](#) (published between 1790 and 1811), and incorporates dozens more explorations and a much more detailed representation of global topography unseen in Arrowsmith's maps.

#### An Heir to Arrowsmith's Map

The map is readily identifiable with Arrowsmith's from its shared inclusion of the scale showing 100 leagues upon every parallel of latitude from the Equator to the 80th degree. This table is intended to help readers calculate the distance between two points with only the latitude of the points and the bearing between them. It is intended to help to overcome the level of distortion inherent within a Mercator projection.

While the broad geographic outlines are similar, a close examination shows that Reichard's exacting map puts Arrowsmith's usually unimpeachable accuracy to shame. Reichard's coasts, mountains, and rivers are more advanced and more precisely delineated everywhere.

This map is a testament to the era's rapid geographical discoveries and advancements in cartography. During the early 19th century, exploration was at its zenith, with consecutive voyages expanding the



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world's geographical understanding. This period witnessed the demystification of many previously unknown territories. On this map only the interiors of Africa, Arabia, Australia, northern Canada, the American Southwest, and Greenland still hold mystery.

Reichard's map lists and tracks the routes of 46 significant exploratory voyages, dating from Columbus's journeys in 1492 and 1493 to Parry's expeditions between 1819 and 1824. While rendering explorer's tracks was not unusual for world maps from this period, Reichard has gone well beyond the usual half-dozen or so. The map provides a visual record of the paths taken by explorers like Vasco de Gama, Magellan, Tasman, Cook, and lesser-known ones such as Pickertsgill, Phipps, Pleurieu, etc.

The only comparable map of a similar scale from this period was another Arrowsmith heir, Adrien Hubert Brue's double-hemisphere [\*Mappe Monde en deux Hemispheres...\*](#)

#### **Rarity**

OCLC records six examples of this edition in German institutions and examples at the BNF, National Library of Poland, and another is at the National Library of the Czech Republic; it also records a map of a slightly different title, but probably the same edition, at the British Library.

From OCLC, it appears that editions were published in 1818, 1822, 1825, and 1839.

#### **Detailed Condition:**

Large engraved wall map mounted on four separate linen sheets, each dissected in four parts. A few minor stains.