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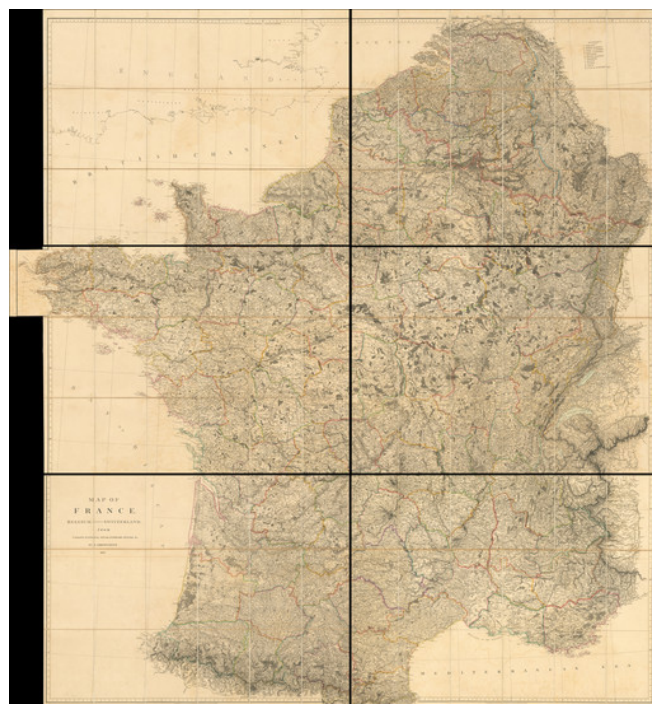
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Map of France, Belgium, and part of Switzerland. From Cassini, National Atlas, Ferrari, Weiss &c. By A. Arrowsmith 1817.

Stock#: 99348
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1817
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 76.2 x 86.25 inches (if joined)
Price: SOLD



Description:

Extraordinary wall map of France, Belgium and Western Switzerland, along with Zeeland, Brabant, Limbourg, Gelderland and Pomerania, published by Aaron Arrowsmith in London.

This remarkable work is based upon the national surveys conducted by the Cassini Family, x and y.

For France, the map relies primarily on the work of César-François Cassini (Cassini III) and his son Jean-Dominique Cassini (Cassini IV). The Cassini family were a dynasty of Italian-French astronomers, geodesists, and cartographers, famous for their work in the Paris Observatory. Their work included the the first topographic map of an entire country based on triangulation, and National Atlas of France, another ambitious project that began under the direction of King Louis XV.

For Belgium, Arrowsmith relies upon the 275 sheet map of the Austrian Netherlands by Joseph de Ferraris, created between 1770 and 1778, prepared for Prince Charles Alexander of Lorraine. The Ferraris map is the first systematic, large scale mapping of modern-day Belgium and parts of Western Europe.

The final contributor note is Johann Heinrich Weiss. The *Atlas Suisse*, published between 1786 and



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1802, was produced for Johann Rudolf Meyer by Johann Heinrich Weiss, and is considered the oldest map series based upon scientific survey and covering the whole of Switzerland.

In 1786, the industrialist Johann Rudolf Meyer decided to create a map of Switzerland at his own expense. He engaged a geometer, Johann Heinrich Weiss of Strasbourg. The foundations for Meyer's map were baseline measurements by the scientist Johann Georg Tralles and landscape relief modelling by Joachim Eugen Müller, after which Weiss drew the map. The final result was a map of Switzerland 16 sheets and an overview map, which would endure for nearly a half century as the most important map of Switzerland, until the appearance of Dufour Map (1845-1865).

Rarity

The map is extremely rare.

OCLC locates 2 examples: British Library and University of Oxford. The Library of Congress also holds an example, bound into a composite atlas of 11 Arrowsmith wall maps.

RBH locates only this example at auction (2023).

Detailed Condition:

Segmented and laid on 6 sheets of linen, with original slip case.