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### [ Postal Map of India ] India Shewing The Post Roads And Dawk Stations By James Wyld

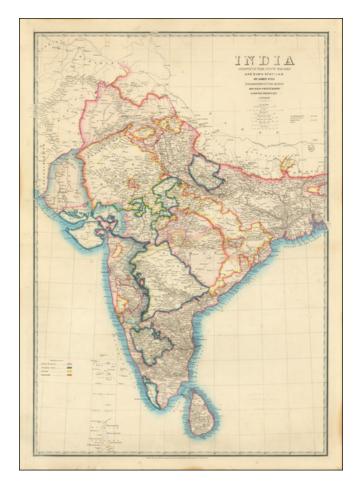
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**Stock#:** 99685 **Map Maker:** Wyld

Date: 1850Place: LondonColor: ColorCondition: VG

**Size:** 20.5 x 30.5 inches

**Price:** \$ 875.00



#### **Description:**

Fascinating postal and transportation map of India, published in London by James Wyld and first appeared in Wyld's atlas in 1849.

James Wyld's map, highlighting post roads and dawk (post) stations, would have been an important tool for navigation and understanding the communication networks in India at the time. It likely provided valuable information for travelers, merchants, and colonial administrators about the locations of these key postal stations and the routes connecting them. The map reflects the infrastructure and organization of the British colonial postal system in India, which played a crucial role in the administration and connectivity of the vast and diverse regions of the country.



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Highly detailed map of India, focusing on the Post Roads and Dawk Stations, published shortly after the construction of the first Indian Railroads.

The key lists the following:

- Post and Banghy Roads
- Post Roads & Routes
- Banghy Roads
- Railroads

The map is color coded to show:

- British Possessions (Pink)
- Subsidiary States (Green)
- Protected States (Yellow)
- Independent States (Orange)

A "Dawk Station" refers to a postal station or relay point in the Indian postal system. The term "Dawk" (or "Dak") is derived from the Hindi word [[][] (dak), which means "post" or "mail". During the 19th century, in British India, the dawk system was an extensive postal and parcel service. Dawk stations were critical nodes in this network, serving as points where mail carriers, often on horseback or using palanquins, would exchange mailbags and parcels, or where couriers would rest before continuing their journey. These stations were strategically located along major routes to facilitate the swift and efficient transfer of correspondence across vast distances.

#### **Detailed Condition:**