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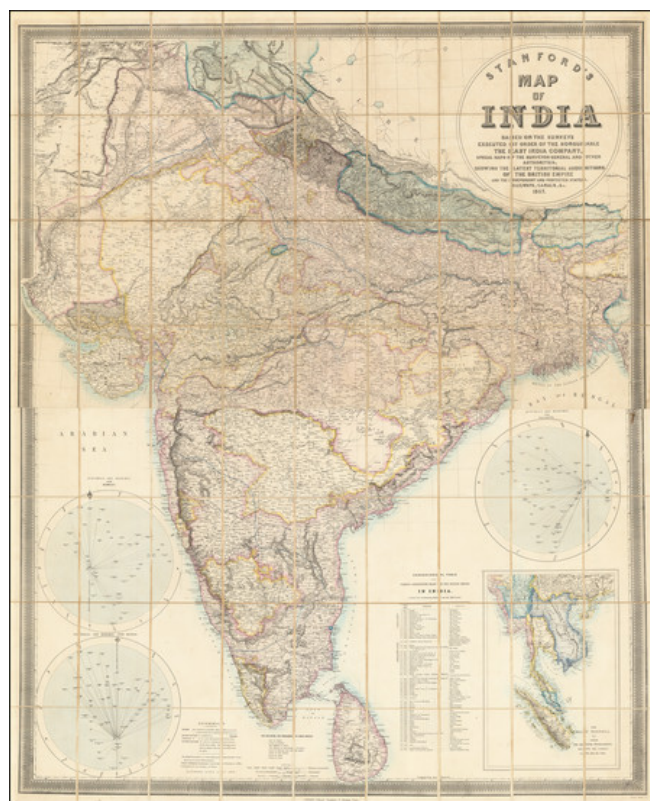
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## **Stanford's Map of India, Based on the Surveys Executed by Order of the Honourable The East India Company, Special Maps of the Surveyor General and Other Authorities; Showing the Latest Territorial Acquisitions of the British Empire and the Independent and Protected States, Railways, Canals, &c.**

**Stock#:** 99777  
**Map Maker:** Stanford  
  
**Date:** 1857  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 48.25 x 59.25 inches  
  
**Price:** SOLD



### **Description:**

#### ***Rare Wall Map of India From the Year of the Mutiny.***

This large 1857 wall map of India, published by Edward Stanford in London, presents a detailed depiction of the Indian subcontinent during a pivotal period of British colonial expansion. It is based on surveys executed by the Honorable East India Company, incorporating special maps from the Surveyor General and other authorities, and highlights the latest territorial acquisitions of the British Empire along with the independent and protected states. The map also marks railways, canals, and other significant features, offering a comprehensive overview of the region's geography and British imperial interests in the mid-19th century.

The historical context of this map is deeply intertwined with the era of British colonialism in India. By



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1857, the British East India Company had established substantial control over large parts of India, leading to profound changes in the region's political, social, and economic landscapes. This map, created in the same year as the Indian Rebellion of 1857, a pivotal uprising against British rule, serves as a crucial document reflecting the geopolitical realities of the time. It captures the extent of British influence and territorial control just before the British Crown took direct control over India, marking the end of the Company's rule.

The map's detail and accuracy are notable, with features such as railways and canals emphasized, reflecting the infrastructural developments introduced by the British. It also includes an inset, "The Malay Peninsula &c. Showing The British Possessions Beyond the Ganges," broadening the geographical context.

The color coding used in the map—British possessions in red (more pink, and perhaps yellow?), independent states in green, French settlements in blue, and Portuguese in brown—visually delineates the complex colonial dynamics of the region. Moreover, the inclusion of a "Chronological Table of the Various Acquisitions Made to the British Empire in India" compiled from parliamentary returns and other official sources, offers a comprehensive historical account of British expansion in India up to 1856.

Additional notes on the map provide further insights into the colonial administration and its relations with local rulers. The list of "Pensioners of Great Britain," including figures like the King of Delhi and the Nawab of Bengal, reveals the intricate web of alliances and dependencies that characterized British rule in India. These notes, along with other detailed references such as military stations, post-offices, and distance diagrams, reflect the complexities of British colonial governance and its impact on the Indian subcontinent.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color. Segmented and laid on two sheets of linen, here joined as one, prohibiting complete refolding of the map.