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[Ancient Persia and Environs] Regiones Mare Hyrcanum Oxum Fl, et Indicum Pelsitae

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Date: 1824
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.4 x 7.75 inches
Price: \$ 145.00



Description:

Detailed map of Ancient Persia and environs.

The map delineates the geographical expanse surrounding the Hyrcanian Sea (the ancient name for the Caspian Sea), the Oxus River (now known as the Amu Darya), and the Indus River, presenting a vivid tableau of the ancient world's complex terrains and their interconnected civilizations. Crafted in an era when cartography was as much an art as a science, this map offers a window into the understanding of geography and the significance of these regions in the context of historical trade routes, cultural exchanges, and imperial conquests.

The Hyrcanian Sea, today's Caspian Sea, was a critical body of water in ancient times, acting as a natural boundary for the empires that flourished on its shores and as a vital conduit for trade and communication between the East and West. This sea was surrounded by diverse ecosystems and cultures, contributing to the rich tapestry of ancient civilizations in the region. The map's depiction of the Hyrcanian Sea not only highlights its geographical importance but also its role in the Silk Road and other trade networks that linked the ancient worlds of Rome, Persia, and the steppes of Central Asia.

The Oxus River, or the Amu Darya, has historically been one of the major rivers of Central Asia, forming part of the boundary between the civilizations of the Iranian plateau and the nomadic steppes to the north. The river's course, flowing from the Pamir Mountains through the arid landscapes of today's Afghanistan and Turkmenistan into the Aral Sea, was a crucial artery for the movement of peoples, goods, and ideas.



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The Oxus not only served as a geographical marker but also as a cultural and economic bridge, facilitating the spread of religions, languages, and technologies across continents.

The Indus River, flowing through the heart of the Indian subcontinent, has been the cradle of civilizations since ancient times. Its fertile plains supported the growth of the Indus Valley Civilization, one of the world's earliest urban cultures. The river's depiction on the map underscores its importance in sustaining life, fostering agricultural advancements, and facilitating trade and communication. The Indus Valley was a hub of cultural and economic exchange, connecting the ancient worlds of India, the Middle East, and Central Asia.

Detailed Condition: