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A Commercial Map of Scotland; with the Roads, Stages, and Distances, brought down to 1782

Stock#: 102672
Map Maker: Knox
Date: 1782
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 28 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

Engraved folding map of Scotland, published by Knox in London in 1782.

The map provides a detailed portrayal of Scotland's economic and geographical landscape during a significant period of its history. It provides an exhaustive inventory of Scotland's natural resources, outlines the demographic and administrative distinctions of its towns and regions, and situates Scotland within a broader international context through comparative geographical data.

The late 18th century marked a critical phase in Scottish history, characterized by economic diversification and increased integration with the British market following the Union of 1707. This period saw the expansion of trade routes, the improvement of agricultural practices, and the initial stages of industrialization. The map and accompanying texts capture this pivotal moment, offering insights into the components of Scotland's economy, including its renowned fisheries, extensive agricultural output, and



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mineral wealth.

In detailing the natural productions and commercial assets of Scotland, the document emphasizes the variety and abundance of resources like fish, timber, and agricultural goods, underscoring their importance to the local and broader British economy. The enumeration of towns, differentiated by their size and political significance, alongside the meticulous documentation of roads and distances, provides a clear picture of the country's infrastructure and administrative organization.

Furthermore, the comparative size analysis presents Scotland in relation to other global territories, highlighting its relative dimensions and reinforcing the map's utility in understanding 18th-century geographical perceptions. This section reflects the era's increasing curiosity about global geography and the comparative importance of nations and regions.

Detailed Condition:

Engraving on 18th-century laid paper segmented and laid on linen with original slipcase. Original hand-colored outline. Minor foxing and toning throughout.