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Map illustrating the plan of the defences of the Western & North-Western Frontier, as proposed by Charles Gratiot in his report of Oct. 31, 1837. . . .

Stock#: 100614
Map Maker: Hood / United States GPO
Date: 1837
Place: Washington
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 15 x 21.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The map is based upon surveys conducted by Washington Hood, shortly before his death. Shows area to the west of the Mississippi, from Fort Snelling to the Gulf of Mexico.

The map was one of 2 maps, which was part of a report of the Secretary of War, with plans for the defense and protection of the western frontiers of the United States, and statements of the number of Indians and warriors on those frontiers [p. 777-786]. Many tribes that will be moved to Indian Territory are shown. Published in Report from the Secretary of War ... in Relation to the Protection of the Western Frontier ... January 3, 1838. Senate Document 65, p. 2, Serial 314.

The two maps show the different proposals for the "defenses" of the Mississippi River Valley and Transmississippi West. Emphasis is placed on the Road System beginning in the south at Baton Rouge, and



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the Coshatta Village, and extending north to Jefferson Barracks, Ft. Leavenworth, and Ft Calhoun, then on to Fond du Lac.

The area covered extends from the Mississippi River to the Rockies. U. S. Army forts are shown; most are 150 or more miles west of the Mississippi. Fort Snelling is the northern-most; Ft. Jackson, the southern-most. Indian tribal lands are identified. A few roads are shown.

A fascinating early map of the Trans-Mississippi West.

Detailed Condition: