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## A New Map of North America From The Latest Authorities . . . 1806

**Stock#:** 90146  
**Map Maker:** Cary  
**Date:** 1806  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 20.5 x 18 inches  
**Price:** \$ 595.00



### Description:

#### *Waiting For Lewis & Clark*

Fascinating map of North America, reflecting the knowledge of the American West on the eve of the publication of the first official account and map of Lewis & Clark's expedition from the Missouri River to the mouth of the Columbia River.

The large partially defined area shown as Louisiana is a representation of Louisiana shortly after the Louisiana Purchase.

Focusing on the river systems above the Pawnee Villages on the Missouri River, a very defined set of rivers is shown flowing east from the Rocky Mountains. This is the cartographic detail found in Arrowsmith's map of North America, which was instrumental in Lewis & Clark's search for a portage across the Rocky Mountains and on to the Pacific. The northern Rocky Mountains tease several options further north in the region then the domain of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Excellent detail along the NW Coast of America. The treatment of California, Oregon and Utah, shows a marvelous picture of the relative void of reliable information in the interior parts of the West on the eve of the official reports of Humboldt, Pike, and Lewis & Clark. Classic depiction of Mexico and Upper California on the eve of Mexico's independence from Spain.

The map includes excellent detail in Canada, especially the unsettled western portions, east of the Rocky



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Mountains.

This is one of the more interesting pre-Lewis & Clark maps of the West, with some effort at the supposed course of the Missouri, above the Mandan Villages, with some other conjectural watershed east of Puget Sound, but largely left blank. One of the last commercial maps of the period not to provide exaggerated and unknown regions with bold (and inaccurate) claims. Fascinating northern coastline for Alaska and Canada along the Northwest Passage.

**Detailed Condition:**