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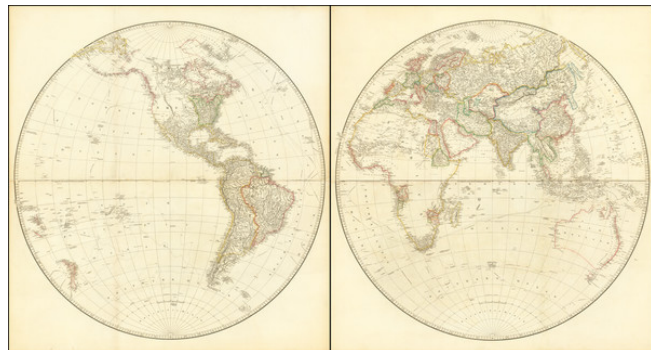
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[Map of the World on a Globular Projection Exhibiting Particularly the Nautical Researches of Capn. James Cook, F.R.S. with all the Recent Discoveries to the Present Time carefully Drawn by A. Arrowsmith . . .]

Stock#: 94140
Map Maker: Arrowsmith

Date: 1808
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 70 x 72 inches (if joined)

Price: \$ 17,500.00



Description:

This 1808 edition of Aaron Arrowsmith's double hemisphere world map is a meticulous amalgamation of scientific discovery and cartographic precision, significantly commemorating the nautical explorations of Captain James Cook. Known for its instrumental role in establishing Arrowsmith's reputation in the London trade, this map embodies a notable milestone in the evolution of English cartography.

The map, first issued in 1794, emerged during a period of fervent global exploration, marked by significant advancements in cartography and navigational technologies. The late 18th and early 19th centuries were a time when the world's geography was being progressively understood and documented. Arrowsmith's map reflects this exploratory spirit, portraying the world with a scientific exactitude hitherto unseen in wall maps, a testament to the era's strides in geographical understanding.

This "Map of the World on a Globular Projection" not only charts geographical territories but also narrates the journeys of some of the era's most noteworthy explorers. It traces the path of Captain James Cook's voyages, thereby encapsulating the global impact of Cook's explorations, from the Pacific Islands to the icy realms of the Antarctic. It also includes the discoveries of other circumnavigators and explorers, such as Mackenzie and Hearne's ventures in the Canadian Arctic, providing a comprehensive overview of the global explorations of the time.

The 1808 edition stands out for its significant revisions to the depiction of Western North America. The speculative information from previous versions was removed, resulting in a more precise portrayal of the Rocky Mountains and the upper Missouri River. Additionally, the far western Canada region was redrawn, likely based on Mackenzie's discoveries. These adjustments reflect Arrowsmith's commitment to accuracy and the evolving understanding of North American geography.



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In essence, Arrowsmith's "Map of the World on a Globular Projection" is a historical document of immense value, encapsulating a transformative period in global exploration and cartography. Its portrayal of the world, accentuated by the tracks of renowned explorers, makes it a significant record of the scientific and geographical knowledge of the early 19th century. Its revisions and improvements over time, particularly in the depiction of North America, further affirm its standing as a dynamic artifact of evolving geographical comprehension.

Dating The Map

Because not all examples of the map include the title and dating information, which were printed on separate sheets and are frequently lacking, dating the map has created confusion. A number of institutional examples are misdated or otherwise cataloged in a misleading fashion.

In *Comparative Cartography* (91) Stevens & Tree note four states of the map (1794, 1799, 1808, and 1814). In reality, there are at least seven states:

1. 1794. [Boston Public Library.](#)
2. 1799. [John Carter Brown Library.](#)
Lacking Bass Strait.
3. 1799. Stanford, Rumsey Center. [Eastern Hemisphere. Western.](#)
Naming Bass Strait. (Bass Strait was reported to the Admiralty in 1799.)
4. 1808. The present example.
Western North America heavily revised, removing much speculative information and redrawing the Rocky Mountains and upper Missouri River.
Far western Canada redrawn, probably after Mackenzie.
5. 1808 (1811) - [Stanford. Rumsey Center.](#)
Northern coasts of Japan (Hondius and especially Hokkaido) revised. Arrowsmith is now described as "...Hydrographer to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."
6. 1814. MacLean Collection.
"D.o__1814"
7. 1818. [MacLean Collection.](#)
"D.o__1818"

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline. Engraving on four sheets of wove paper (watermarked "J. Ruse") joined to



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form a pair of large folding sheets (one of each hemisphere). Expert restoration along the folds. Small repaired chip in the black lower right margin of the Western Hemisphere sheet. Lacking the title and imprint sheets, as often the case.