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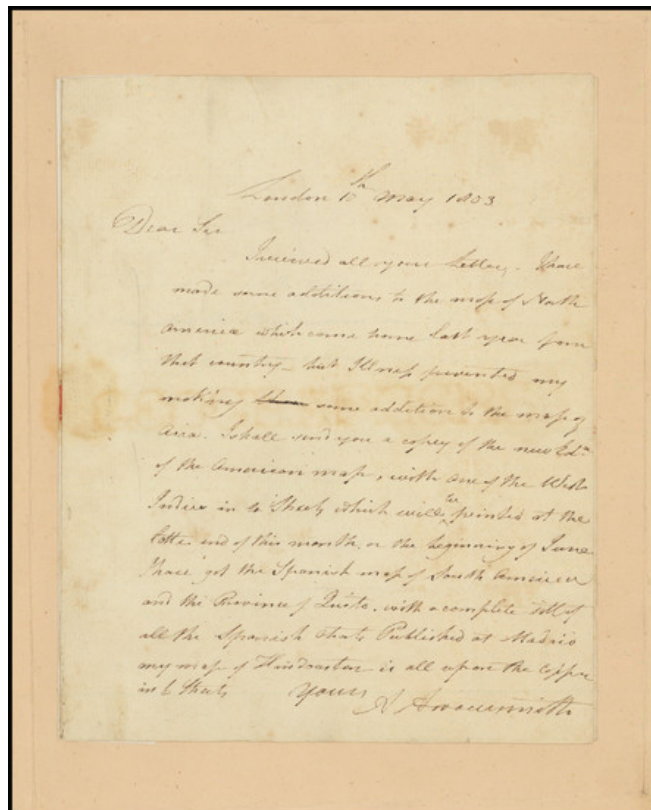
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Letter from Aaron Arrowsmith to John Pinkerton dated May 10, 1803

Stock#: 100555
Map Maker: Arrowsmith

Date: 1803
Place: London
Color: Pen & Ink
Condition: VG
Size: 6.3 x 8 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Arrowsmith Writes To Pinkerton About The Stony Mountains

Interesting 1803 letter written by Aaron Arrowsmith, London's pre-eminent mapmaker of the first quarter of the 19th Century, to British mapmaker and publisher John Pinkerton, one of his primary competitors, who was then in Paris.

While brief, the letter is quite extraordinary, as it references a number of Arrowsmith's most important maps and, most notably, his receipt of information regarding the Stony Mountains, a reference to Arrowsmith's information received from Peter Fidler, which would lead to Arrowsmith updating his [map of the Interior Parts of North America](#).

London 10th May 1803



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Dear Sir,

I received all your letters. I have made some additions to the [map of North America](#) which came home last year from that country -- but illness prevented y making some additions to the [map of Asia](#). I shall send you a copy of the new Edn. of the American map, with one of the [West Indies in 4 Sheets](#) which will be printed at the latter end of this month or the beginning of June. I have got the Spanish map of South America and the Province of Quito with a complete sett of all the Spanish Charts published at Madrid my [map of Hindoustan](#) is all upon the copper in 6 sheets.

Yours A. Arrowsmith

*Verso note: I had sent me a letter giving a curious & accurate account of the **Stony mountains** for many hundreds of miles if I can get leave will send you a ? of it.*

While brief in nature, the map is an extraordinary look into Arrowsmith's workshop in the Spring of 1803, a time when a number of his most important American maps were being published.

While more difficult to decipher, the note regarding receipt of a "Spanish map of South America and the Province of Quito with a complete sett of all the Spanish Charts published at Madrid" is likely a precursor to the English translation of Thompson's Alcedo or production of Arrowsmith's 1810 6-sheet map of South America.

Provenance: Warren Heckrotte Collection

Detailed Condition:

Mounted on larger sheet of paper, with identifying information. Address and postal mark on verso.