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Turkey Buzzard. *Cathartes Atratus*. Plate CLI

Stock#: 101630
Map Maker: Audubon & Havell, Jr.
Date: 1832
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 25.75 x 38.5 inches sheet size
Price: SOLD



Description:

A fantastic double-elephant plate from the first edition of John James Audubon's monumental work *The Birds of America* features the Turkey Buzzard (*Cathartes Atratus*).

The image shows an adult male perched atop a short section of branch, prominently displayed at the upper part of the composition. Below, a juvenile bird suns its wings on a similarly short branch. A significant compositional element is a vertical tree trunk positioned to the right, serving as an anchor to which both branches are attached, enhancing the structural integrity and visual balance of the scene.

Detailed Condition:



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Aquatint with engraving on a double-elephant folio sheet of 19th-century wove paper with watermark "TURKEY MILL". Right margin expertly and invisibly extended by about ½ inch, not affecting the printed image.