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Plan of the City of Washington and Territory of Columbia . . .

Stock#: 18435
Map Maker: Lizars
Date: 1819
Place: Edinburgh
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce map of Washington and the Territory of Columbia, showing the extent of the entire Territory, along with an early depiction of the City of Washington, along with views of the Capitol at Richmond and Washington D.C.

Lizars map is of special note for its depiction of the Territory of Columbia as a whole, not just the City of Washington proper. The map is apparently derived from Andrew Ellicott's *Territory of Columbia*, published by Thackara & Vallance in 1794. Referred to as *The 10 Mile Square*, the area was surveyed by Ellicott, who subsequently drew 2 manuscript plans at the request of Thomas Jefferson in 1793. The Territory consisted of 64 square miles ceded by Maryland in 1788 and 36 square miles ceded by Virginia in 1789. While several other topographical manuscript maps were drawn shortly thereafter, the entirety of the Territory of Columbia was largely ignored in printed maps following the Thackara & Vallance map of 1794, making this work by Lizars one of the earliest depictions of the entire Territory of Columbia and one of the very few maps to refer to the region as a Territory (as opposed to a District).

Lizars map appeared in D. B. Warden's *A Statistical, Political and Historical Account of the United States*. The present map is from the 1819 edition. Interestingly, the 1815 edition of Warden's work includes a smaller map engraved by Pierre Tardieu entitled simply *Territory of Columbia*. The Warden plan is relatively scarce, with only 2 examples of the map listed in the Antique Map Price Guide in the past 20



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Detailed Condition:

Folds reinforced. Minor toning and soiling.