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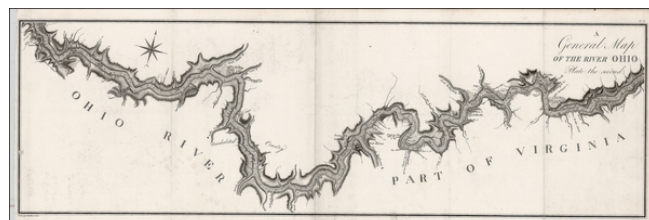
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A General Map of the River Ohio. Plate the Second

Stock#: 19363
Map Maker: Collot
Date: 1826
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 38 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important early map of the Ohio River from just south of Cincinnati to just south of Wheeling, West Virginia.

The map is the second part of Collot's detailed map of the Ohio River. The first extends from Pittsburgh to just below Wheeling, West Virginia. The second (this map) extends from near Wheeling to within about 20 miles of Cincinnati. A rare example of the second plate of Collot's celebrated map of the Ohio River from the beautiful atlas to accompany Collot's, *Voyage dans l'Amerique Septentrionale*.

In 1796 General George Henri Victor Collot undertook a reconnaissance of what was then the United States' frontier from France. His mission was to assess whether the region could be retaken by France. He traveled from Pittsburgh down the Ohio to the Mississippi, up the Mississippi to the Missouri and Illinois Rivers, and then back down the Mississippi to New Orleans. During his journey, he constructed a large number of exceptionally fine manuscript maps and views of the region that he traversed. Many of these were groundbreaking, containing never before recorded information on a wilderness that was just beginning to undergo settlement. Collot's maps were engraved in Paris in 1804, but publication was suppressed due to Napoleon's sale of Louisiana to the United States in 1803. The sale ended any possibility that these regions could be acquired by France. As a result the plates were not printed until 1826, when they were issued in a limited number as *Voyage dans l'Amerique Septentrionale*. Copies were published with both French and English text.

"A nineteenth-century bookseller called this work 'one of the most famous, most important, and rarest of all books of Mid-Western Explorations.' Its rarity is due to the deliberate destruction of all but three hundred French and one hundred English copies by the publisher, who had purchased the edition from Collot's estate, hoping to increase its value" (Cohen.) This wonderful map is lovely example of Collot's important charts of the Ohio River. The second in a set of four maps of the River, this elegant chart depicts



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the path of the river from Limestone to Three Brother Islands. It includes all the ports and cities along the river as well as the large towns of Belleville and Marietta. Collet has carefully charted the location and names of the smaller tributaries and has paid great attention to the names of the smaller settlements along the river.

Detailed Condition:

One minor hole in left neat line.