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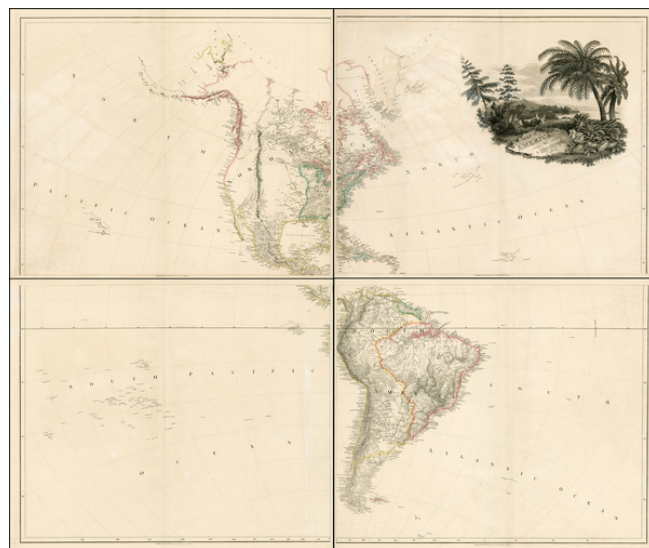
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Map of America By A. Arrowsmith. 1804

Stock#: 23728
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1804
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 59 x 48 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Arrowsmith's map of America, in four sheets.

An excellent map of America on the eve of the explorations of Lewis & Clark, Humbolt. Pike, Long and others. The map reflects the updates in the Northwest Coast of America to account for the voyages of Cook, Vancouver, Mears, La Perouse and others. Arrowsmith drew from several sources whilst composing the map, most notably from Mackenzie's 1789 exploration of the Rocky Mountains and the Canadian Northwest, an account of which was subsequently produced in 1798. Mackenzie had been commissioned by the North-West Fur Company and, remarkably, traversed almost 3,000 miles in just 120 days. Early editions of this map, of which the present example is one, also act as a snap-shot of America before the exploration by Alexander von Humboldt. In later editions Arrowsmith incorporates many of Humbolt's findings.

The Missions in Upper California are named. The Missouri R. extends far north of its true source and references Tall & Manders Indian Villages. Columbia R is similarly mislocated. Extensive forts in the Mississippi Valley. A fine depiction of the Americas, one year after the Louisiana Purchase and on the eve of the discovery of the Western parts of North America, Mexico's independence and the century of Revolution in South America.

Detailed Condition: