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Plan of a Survey for the Proposed Boston and Providence Rail-Way by James Hayward. Jan 1828

Stock#: 31646
Map Maker: Annin & Smith
Date: 1828
Place: Boston
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 41.5 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the first printed American Railroad maps.

This rare map, dated January 1828, shows the railway route in good detail with topographical information and towns, buildings, rivers, bridges and much more.

The map shows two proposed routes, both arriving in Providence. The northernmost route begins near the house of Madam Swan on the road between Roxbury to the South Boston Turnpike, and the southern route begins in Boston proper.

Modelski illustrates this map on page 3 noting in the caption that this map is the earliest topographic map in the Library of Congress showing a railroad survey. The map appeared in "Report of the Board of Commissioners, of Internal Improvement in Relation to the Examination of Sundry Routes for a Railway from Boston to Providence. With a Memoir of the Survey." published in Boston in 1828 and printed by Dutton & Wentworth. The 72-page report is by Josiah J. Fiske, Chairman of the Board of Internal Improvement to Levi Lincoln, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Only 1500 copies of the report were printed, very few of which have survived.

Detailed Condition:

Several repaired tears and fold splits. Usual moderate offsetting.