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Carte de l'adjonction progressive des divers etats au territoire et a l'union constitutionnelle des Etats-Unis de l'Amerique du Nord. 1825. (Publisher's Proof Copy!)

Stock#: 37588
Map Maker: Buchon
Date: 1825
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 15 x 25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A fascinating publisher's proof of Buchon's important map of the United States, with an experimental coloring scheme and original editorial notes.

This is unique publisher's proof of Jean Alexandre Buchon's important map of the United States, intended to be included in his *Atlas géographique, statistique, historique et chronologique des deux Ameriques* (Paris, 1825). It was evidently made for the publisher of the work, J. Carez, and the manuscript notes, quite possibly in the hand of Buchon, detail of how the map was to be colored. The original 13 states, plus Vermont, were to take on a pink hue; Florida (acquired by the U.S. from Spain in 1819) was to assume on a teal hue; the states and territories in the Trans-Appalachian west (unorganized land conferred to the U.S. by Britain in 1783) were to be in a green hue, and the western territories, beyond the Mississippi, were to assume a yellow hue. The nature of the coloring was integral to the purpose of the map. The splotches and irregular lines of color around the map were intended to test the appearance of the color as it was applied to the paper.

Bouchon's map is interesting in that it shows the development of the United States two generations after the American Revolution. Each of the states and territories are marked, naming their capitals, noting the dates of their entry into the Union and giving statistics as to their populations and geographic size. By 1825, many of the lands east of the Mississippi had already been divided into states, although the Northwest Territory still exists. The vast Louisiana Territory, purchased from France in 1803, occupies the vast lands between the Mississippi and the Rockies, although the states of Louisiana and Missouri have been constituted. The Oregon Territory is shown occupy the Pacific Northwest, although the ownership of this region was officially still shared between the United States and Britain.



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Buchin derived the style of his maps from the signature cartographic style pioneered in Henry Charles Carey & Isaac Lea's *American Atlas* (Philadelphia, 1822).

The present example is an intriguing artifact lending unique insight into the map-publishing process during the early 19th Century.

Detailed Condition:

Copper-engraved map, with original full hand color, (but with irregular blotches of color) and contemporary manuscript annotations.