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Territory of Columbia

Stock#: 45563
Map Maker: Tardieu
Date: 1815
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.5 x 10.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Map of the District of Columbia, "Drawn by Andw. Ellicott" and "Engraved by P.A.F. Tardieu" in Paris.

Rare English edition of Tardieu's detailed map of the Territory of Columbia, showing the extent of the entire Territory, along with an early depiction of the City of Washington and Alexandria.

The map includes a fine treatment of the topography of the region, along with early roads, rivers and Ellicott's plan of Washington DC.

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 Tardieu 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).



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Curiously, this is the first time we have encountered this map with an English Title.

Detailed Condition: