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**British Possessions in North America From Mr. Arrowsmith's Map of North America &c.
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Map Maker: Pinkerton
Date: 1812
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 28 x 20 inches
Price: \$545.00



Description:

The Pacific Northwest Before Lewis & Clark

Fascinating map of British America, Alaska and the Northwest part of America, immediately pre-dating the first incorporations of the details from the Lewis & Clark expeditions, published in 1814.

The Missouri River appears as far north as the Mandans and Snake Nation, with the Rocky Mountains looming as a virtual blank slate to the west. This is a picture which would be quickly re-written with the dissemination of Lewis & Clark's report in the same year as this map was issued.

Nice details along the Saskatchewan [sic] River, as far as the Rocky Mountains and the Cattanahowes and Black Foot Indian lands, with notes regarding Coal in the Southern Branch and its tributaries.

The Rocky Mountains extend in a single narrow Cordillera as far north as 65 degrees, with MacKenzie's discoveries noted just to the North. A number of Hudson Bay Trading Houses appear. Along the northwest coast, there is a single primitive Cordillera extending from just north of San Francisco to the mouth of the Columbia, where the mountains become a bit more complex, extending north to Valdez Island and Mt. St. Elias.

North of Vancouver, there are 3 Indian villages named and a route across the Rockies. An apocryphal Columbia River is shown in the general area of Fraser, but the area between the Rocky Mountains and the coast range is primarily blank.



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