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Africa, Divided Into Its Several Regions and laid down according to the most exact Observations. . . .1772

Stock#: 45814
Map Maker: Sayer
Date: 1772
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 22.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately published map of Africa by Robert Sayer.

While the map appears relatively unimposing, this was in fact the map utilized by the successors to John Spilsbury (1739-1769) for the earliest jigsaw puzzle map of Africa.

Spilsbury produced a World map puzzle and puzzles of the four continents together with puzzles of England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. The maps were designed as teaching aids for geography classes. As pupils put the pieces together, they would learn how different countries connected to one another.

Upon Spilsbury's death in 1769 the business was continued by his widow Sarah May, who would later marry her husband's former apprentice Harry Ashby. Not soon after the marriage Ashby brought in the map and printseller's Woodman and Mutlow to run part of the business.

The present map is the original uncut map sheet. makers of the puzzle, Woodman and Mutlow, placed their label over Robert Sayer's name, before dissecting the map.

Detailed Condition: