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Stock#: 46660
Map Maker: Tassin
Date: 1837
Place: Calcutta
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 45.5 x 54.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Extremely Handsome, Large Format Hindi-Language Map of India.

Fine example of this rare large format map of India, published in Calcutta. It was the product of one of the city's early lithographers and its most noted earlier cartographer, Jean-Baptiste Tassin.

The map is in Hindi and transliterated Hindi. The map is a singular source for nineteenth-century Hindi toponyms. There is some topographical detail in the Himalayas, and extensive road detail as well, possibly derived from the postal maps that Tassin also produced.

This map was produced by the premier local mapmaker in Calcutta in the mid-nineteenth century. Jean-Baptiste Tassin (1800-1868), was born in France and travelled east in his early working years. First he settled in the Dutch East Indies, where he worked on surveys of Java and then of the Moluccas. He travelled widely in South Asia before settling in Calcutta around 1830. There he set up the Oriental Lithographic Press. A number of other lithographers had set up shop in the ten years earlier; George Wood, for instance, had established his Asiatic Lithographic Press in Calcutta in 1824.



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The Oriental Lithographic Press apparently secured some contract work from George Everest and the Calcutta administration -- indeed it is possible that the present map was the product of such an arrangement -- and rose to dominate domestic map production in Calcutta in the 1830s. The Press was responsible for numerous maps and atlases focusing on India and South Asia.

The map was produced decades before the completion of the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India. The Trigonometrical Survey was started on April 10, 1802, by British surveyor Colonel William Lambton, and the project continued on until the 1870s when it was reorganized under the auspices of the Survey of India.

While the map was doubtlessly produced domestically for a domestic market, it cannot have spent too much time in the Indian climate; it is in excellent condition with the linen and vibrant hand-coloring in a superb state of preservation. Overall the design of the map feels much more modern than its 1830s production would suggest.

The map last appeared in a dealer catalogue in No. 7 Mars-Avril 1891, Librairie Ch. Chadenat, item 7570, where it was already then described as "Rare," offered for 20 francs, (the same price as the De Brahm South Carolina in 4 sheets and the a 1768 Fry-Jefferson Virginia were offered the prior year).

The map is extremely rare. OCLC locates only two known examples.

Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on linen, with original cloth case.