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[South Africa]. Charte der Sudspitze Africa und der Colonie vom Vorgebirgedernugen Hoffnung haputeschilich nach Barrow's Neuesten Reisen enworfen und nach astronomischen Ortsbestimmungen. . . .1804

Stock#: 47947
Map Maker: Reinecke
Date: 1802
Place: Weimar
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 15.5 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

German edition of the First Modern Map of South Africa

Detailed map of South Africa, published in Weimar in 1802, based upon a map produced by Sir John Barrow, which is considered the first modern map of South Africa.

The map shows the settled and unknown regions, with topographical features depicted.

The map is based upon the observations of Sir John Barrow. In 1797, Barrow accompanied Lord Macartney as private secretary in his mission to settle the government of the newly acquired colony of the Cape of Good Hope. Barrow was entrusted with the task of reconciling the Boer settlers and the native Black population and of reporting on the country in the interior.

In the course of the trip, he visited all parts of the colony; when he returned, he was appointed auditor-general of public accounts. He then decided to settle in South Africa, married, and bought a house in 1800 in Cape Town. However, the surrender of the colony at the peace of Amiens (1802) upset this plan.

During his travels through South Africa, Barrow compiled copious notes and sketches of the countryside that he was traversing. The outcome of his journeys was a map which, despite its numerous errors, was the first published modern map of the southern parts of the Cape Colony.

Detailed Condition: