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## Peru & Boliva, By J. Arrowsmith

**Stock#:** 57396  
**Map Maker:** Arrowsmith  
**Date:** 1842  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 24 x 20 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

A striking map of Peru and Bolivia, published by John Arrowsmith. This map shows more detail than any contemporary commercial atlas map of the region, though western Brazil and the eastern parts of these countries show little other than rivers and is "inhabited by various tribes of unsubdued Indians." Many settlements, roads, geomorphological features, rivers, and more are all shown.

Almost all the geopolitical boundaries shown would change in the century following the publication of this map. In the north, Ecuador was already independent of Gran Colombia, though this is not shown, perhaps due to Arrowsmith's ties with Bolivar. The eastern boundaries with Brazil in the densest Amazon would be poorly defined for a long time. In the south, the War of the Pacific would block Bolivia's access to the coast and extend Peru southwards. America was perhaps not only "ungovernable," but also ill-defined at this time, this would be remedied by another half-century of civil wars and revolutions.

This map is well designed and contains extensive information and detail, typical of Arrowsmith's maps. In all, it is a clear map of western South America, before the continent's borders would be fully cemented in the late 19th century.

The map appeared in John Arrowsmith's *London Atlas*.

### Detailed Condition: