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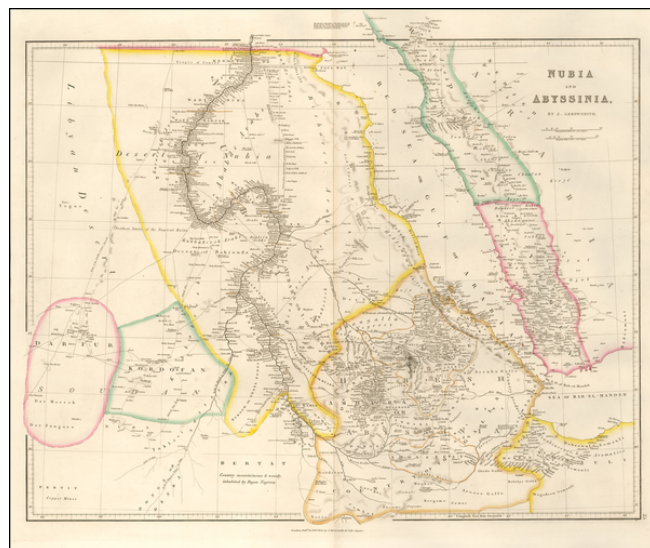
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Description:

An attractive map of the region centered on the Red Sea and the upper Nile, starting at the first cataract. The map extends to Somalia, Sudan, and Darfur in the west and to Yemen and the Sea of Bab-El-Mandeb in the east. Numerous towns, mountains, oases, and more are all shown on the map. The many kingdoms and tribes of the area are all named, and occasionally described.

The Cataract and Egyptian Niles may be the same river, but they have profoundly different characteristics. These two names for the Nile refer to river above and below the first cataract. While the area to the north of Luxor is relatively tectonically inactive, southern Egypt and the Sudan are not so due to the presence of the "Nubian swell," a vast uplift associated with dynamic topography in the area. This has important effects on the hydrology of the Nile as rivers in tectonically active areas have not had time to erode features such as falls, gorges, and rapids. The six cataracts of the Nile are the most visible and well-known result of this tectonic activity.

A number of trade routes are located in the interior linking the towns, rivers, and oases of the region. In the south of the map, these link the famous gold and iron mines of the Sudan. The routes of several European explorers are shown, alongside their dates of travel. This includes a mention of the path of William George Browne, the first European to describe Darfur who first traveled to the region in 1793.

Detailed Condition: