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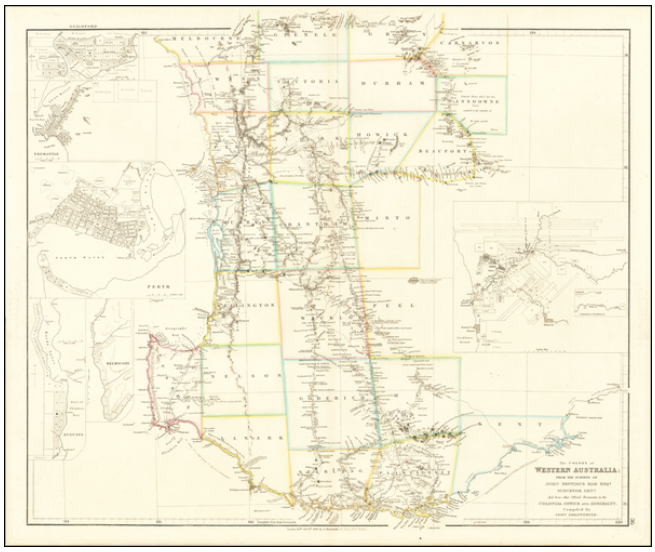
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The Colony of Western Australia; From The Surveys of John Septimus Roe Esqr. Surveyor Genl. And from other Official Documents in the Colonial Office and Admiralty . . . 1839

Stock#: 63698
Map Maker: Arrowsmith

Date: 1839
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 24 x 20.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

First state of John Arrowsmith's map of Western Australia.

The map shows the Colony of Western Australia, along inset maps of Perth, Guildford, Freemantle, Augusta and Kelmscott.

The map was printed from 1839 until 1863 in eight states, tracking the growth of the colony over the course of 24 years.

John Septimus Roe (1797–1878) was the first Surveyor-General of Western Australia. He was a renowned explorer, and a Member of Western Australia's legislative and executive councils for nearly 40 years. In 1829, he too the position of Surveyor-General of Western Australia, to be attached to an intended new settlement at the Swan River. Roe accepted on the condition that the position be a civilian appointment, as he was keen to leave the navy. Over the course of the next several decades, he conducted a thorough survey of the region, including

- In June 1829, he explored the Swan and Canning River;
- In January 1830, he explored the country around Leschenault, the Collie, Ferguson and Preston Rivers, Cape Naturaliste and Geographe Bay;
- In November 1831, he explored the area around Albany, Doubtful Island Bay, Torbay, Wilsons Inlet,

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the Kalgan River and Kojonup;

- In 1832 he explored around the Hotham and Williams Rivers;
- In 1834, he explored to Pinjarra on the Murray River, then Bunbury, Kojonup, Albany and back to Perth; the Battle of Pinjarra occurred during this expedition;
- In 1835, he explored the area around Moorilup on the Kalgan River, then explored the Hay and Sleeman Rivers.
- In October and November 1835, he was part of the Great Southern Expedition, which explored the country between Perth and Albany by two different routes, with a view to deciding on a route for a road between the two towns;
- In October and November the following year, he explored the land 180 miles east and 100 miles north from Perth
- In December 1837 he discovered and surveyed Peel Harbour and Warnbro Sound.
- In January 1838 he explored the coast between the Swan River and Cape Naturaliste; In June 1838 he explored from the Swan River to Bunbury via the Murray, Harvey, Collie and Preston Rivers, then returned along the base of the Roe and Darling Ranges;
- In May 1839 he passed through unexplored country on an expedition to rescue from starvation three men who had been part of George Grey's disastrous expedition to Shark Bay;
- In December 1839, he travelled overland with Governor Hutt to Albany and back, using new routes;
- In June 1847, he explored the country around and north of Champion Bay.
- From September 1848, he conducted a five-month-long expedition "from Avon River to Stirling Range, and thence eastward to Russell Range and Cape Pasley on the south coast, and 60 to 100 miles inland, returning by different routes on this occasion discovered coal on the Rivers Fitzgerald and Phillips."2 Roe was seriously injured on this expedition, and undertook no additional ones.

The present map is the scarce first state of Arrowsmith's map.

Detailed Condition: