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Northern Section of the United States including Canada &c. by John Melish 1816

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Map Maker: Melish / Klinckowstrom
Date: 1816
Place: Sweden
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20.5 x 15 inches
Price: \$1,400.00



Description:

Rare map of the Northeastern United States, which first appeared in John Melish's *Traveller's Directory...* published in Philadelphia.

This Northern Sheet, previously titled Map of the Seat of War...extends from the Great Lakes to Nova Scotia, New Jersey, Maryland and Ohio, showing portions of the nascent Indiana Territory and all of Michigan Territory. The map illustrates the various states and provinces, with roads, towns, distances, Forts and other early information contemporary to the War of 1812.

The present example was re-engraved and issued in Axel Klinkowstrom's *Bref om de Förenta Staterna*. Klinkowstrom was a Swedish Baron active in the late 18th and early 19th century. Pressured by his ambitious father, Klinkowström joined the Swedish navy as an ensign at 17 and rose, in the course of a long career, to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Between 1818 and 1820 Klinkowström traveled to the United States to investigate the American invention of the steamboat and assess its military potential for the Swedish navy. During his American tour Klinkowström composed some 25 illustrated letters which were published in 1824, roughly four years after his return to Sweden.

Detailed Condition: