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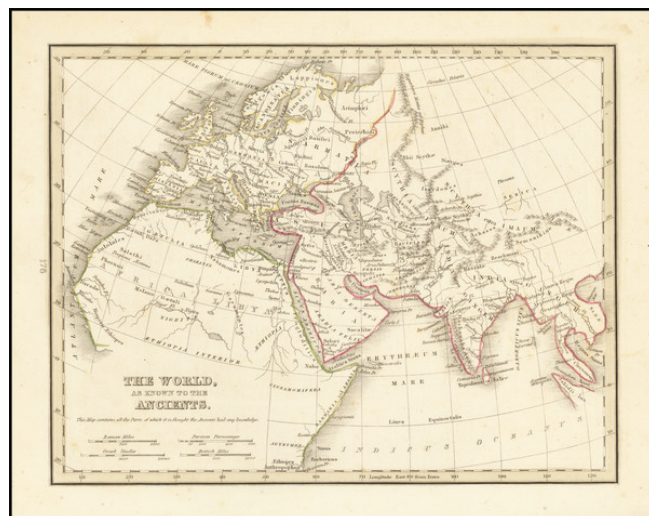
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The World, As Known to the Ancients

Stock#: 68689
Map Maker: Bradford
Date: 1835
Place: Boston
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

This is a great Thomas Bradford map of Eurasia and Northern Africa, showing the world as supposedly known by the citizens of the Roman Empire. Based heavily on Ptolemaic geography, it shows Europe in full, Africa north of "Ethiopia Interior," and southern Asia as far as northern Sumatra. Later interpretations of Ptolemy's works were subject to intense debate and reinterpretation, and this is shown on certain areas of the map. For example, Sri Lanka is given two possible names, Taprobana or Salice.

Detail is great on this map, with many given both classical and modern names. This is a fabulous map for comparing the changing nature of cartography over time, as this is a 19th-century reinterpretation of a 2nd-century work.

This work appeared in Bradford's atlas, which was a departure from other atlases of the period. Along with HS Tanner, Bradford produced an elegant, well engraved large format atlas on high-quality paper. The 1830s were a fascinating transitional period in both US geopolitics and in domestic cartographic publishing. Bradford's work is without question an important part of this era. His maps were engraved by GW Boynton or S. Stiles, Sherman and Smith.

Detailed Condition: