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America

Stock#: 71553
Map Maker: Thomson
Date: 1813
Place: Edinburgh
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking map of America, published by John Thomson in Edinburgh.

Of note, the map incorporates important information from Aaron Arrowsmith's monumental 1804 map of North America, the same map which Lewis & Clark carried with them on their expedition to the Pacific Ocean. Perhaps the most interesting feature is the depiction of the headwaters of the Missouri River. Here, the map incorporates the reports of Peter Fidler for the Hudson's Bay Company, by including a series of possible river courses to the west, leading to (and prospectively through) the Rocky Mountains. It was this section of the map that provided the best depiction of the prospect of a water route or portage through the Rocky Mountains and to the Pacific. It was this information derived from Peter Fidler and incorporated by Arrowsmith, along with reports from local Indians encountered on the expedition, which Lewis & Clark relied in choosing their path to the Rocky Mountains.

The west is New Albion, with only a hint of the Columbia River and no other known rivers. The Upper California Missions are named.

Detailed Condition: