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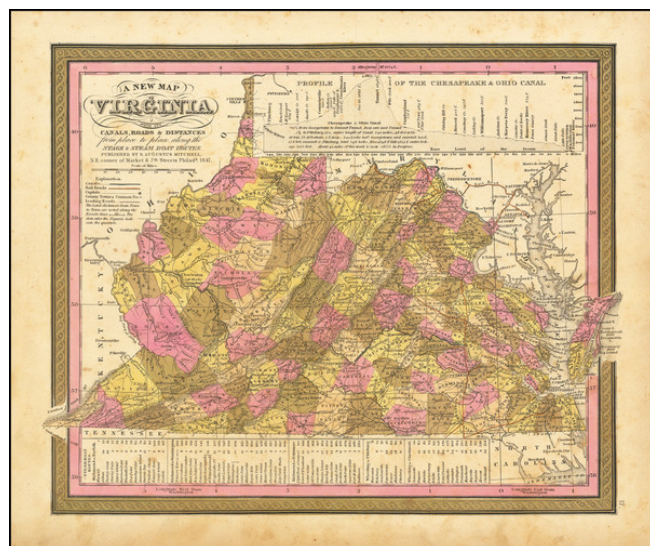
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A New Map of Virginia with its Canals, Roads & Distances from Place to Place, along the Stage & Steam Boat Routes . . . 1847

Stock#: 71573
Map Maker: Mitchell
Date: 1847
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14.3 x 12.8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A finely constructed map of Virginia from the Antebellum Era.

This interesting map depicts all of Virginia, as it appeared in 1846 and shows the state in its enlarged form, before West Virginia seceded to form its own separate state (in 1863). This was an era of rising political tensions, which would eventually lead to the U.S. Civil War (1861-5). It was also the 'Age of the Improver' in America, when vast and diverse infrastructure projects were being created.

As noted in the title of the map, numerous roads, railways and canals had been built across Virginia, making it an important nexus for interstate trade. Notably, the upper right part of the map features a profile of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal (completed in 1831), a critical waterway linking the Midwest and the Mississippi Basin with the Atlantic Seaboard. A table along the bottom of the map details the distances between several points in the state.

The map was issued by Samuel Augustus Mitchell (1790-1868), one of the most important American mapmakers of the 19th Century.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing.