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The Island and Kingdom of Sicily, According to the best Observations, & Improved; from the Map, of the Baron de Schmettau.

Stock#: 71828
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 27 x 19 inches
Price: \$ 575.00



Description:

Original hand-color example of this detailed map of Sicily by Robert Mylne, which appeared in Laurie & Whittle atlases in the 1790s.

Mylne's map is a fine compilation of the most important cartographical sources of the time, including the maps of Austrian General Samuel von Schmettau and French cartographer Jean Baptiste Bourguignon d'Anville. The map shows the three provinces and the county of Modica. Details include roads, inns, watch towers, forests, fortified towns, and lava fields. Particular attention is paid to Mount Etna with areas denoted as cultivated, wooded, or naked.

The text box at the bottom right includes a detailed explanation of the map and statistical information about Sicily, along with a key translating the Italian nomenclature to English.

Robert Mylne, a Scottish architect and civil engineer, who was best known for his design for Blackfriars Bridge in London. Mylne studied architecture under the direction of Giovanni Battista Piranesi in Rome.

In the spring of 1757, Mylne accompanied the diplomat Richard Phelps, and antiquarian Matthew Nulty, on a tour of Sicily where he undertook the preparation of this map to pay for his studies.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in full. Minor centerfold toning.