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Map of the Countries between England & India designed to shew the over-land and sea-routes to the East and the relative position of Russia to England & Hindostan

Stock#: 76656
Map Maker: Wyld
Date: 1850 circa
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 35.5 x 24.75 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

Fascinating map with fold-out tabs which extend the map to include parts of the Iberian peninsula and the subcontinent, blank verso.

The borders post-date the second Anglo-Sikh War, are correct for the later stages of the Russo-Circassian War and pre-date Russian expansion into Independent Tartary. As Wyld appreciated, there was plenty of interest among his contemporaries in the various routes to India. In the mid 19th century the route pioneered by Thomas Fletcher Waghorn reduced the journey time between Britain and India to about 40 days (from three months or more which was usual at the beginning of the century).

However, the focus of the map is Central Asia, where the 'great game' between Russia and Britain was played out, and Wyld tapped in to his British audience's growing fears of Russian expansion towards Afghanistan and India.

The map provides a marvelous overview of the various overland and water routes between England and India.

The primary routes shown are:

- Various Overland Routes via the Mediterranean and Red Sea
- Sea Route Via Mediterranean, Red Sea and Indian Ocean
- Sea Route Via Mediterranean, Gulf and Indian Ocean



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One of the more fascinating areas of detail can be seen in the Gulf, which includes excellent detail in the Emirates.

A number of place names are shown in Qatar, although Doha is not yet named (El Billah?).

Debai (Dubai), Aboo Heyle (Abu Dhabi) and Sharga (Sharjah) are shown, as are Oman and Muskat.

Detailed Condition: