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North America

Stock#: 77799
Map Maker: Tallis

Date: 1851
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.5 x 14 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nicely hand-colored example of Tallis's map of North America, stretching from Panama to the unmapped "Arctic Highlands" of the "Parry Islands" (Queen Elizabeth Islands). This map was engraved for R. Montgomery *Martin's Illustrated Atlas.* The map includes a decorative border.

The map includes numerous decorative vignettes from all over the continent, as well as Europe and Asia. These include views of Esquimaux, Mount Hekla (in Iceland), beavers, Niagara Falls, a convoy of diamonds in South America, and ancient monuments in Mexico, North American Indians, Wapiti Deer, and Russian Cossacks, all in the same image!

Despite the late date of publication of this map, the American West is barely recognizable. "Upper California" stretches eastwards to the Rocky Mountains, as does Oregon. The Missouri Territory,

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Nebraska, and the Western Territories form most of the remaining Midwest east of Minnesota. New Mexico comprises the Texas Panhandle. Alaska is well defined but named Russian America (it would not be transferred until 1867).

Tallis was one of the last great decorative map makers. His maps are prized for the wonderful vignettes of indigenous scenes, people, and more that they often show.

Detailed Condition:
Original hand-color. Stain in upper margin. Minor tear in lower margin.