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**Ceylon | This Map is Inscribed with Permission to the Right Honourable Lieut. General Thomas Maitland Governor and Commander in Chief over the Island of Ceylon by His Excellency's most obedient and humble Servant George Atkinson Civil Engineer & Surveyor General**

**Stock#:** 78000  
**Map Maker:** Faden / Atkinson  
**Date:** 1813  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 25.5 x 37.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

Scarce large-format folding map of Ceylon (Sri Lanka), published during the Regency Era by William Faden, with the surveying work done by George Atkinson.

The map is readily recognizable for its large cartouche in the upper-right corner featuring an elephant with a mahout, amidst the landscape of Sri Lanka and other local flora and fauna.

The mapmaker, George Atkinson, was the second Surveyor General of Ceylon, having succeeded the first,



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J. Johnwil, in 1805, and leaving the office in 1811.

The inscription is dated Colombo [Sri Lanka], March 15th 1811. The bears an engraved imprint line: "London: Published by W. Faden Geographer To His Majesty & H.R.H the Prince Regent. No. 5 Charing Cross. August 12th 1813."

H. Cooper signed the plate as the engraver.

**Rarity**

We locate one copy at auction in 2009. OCLC locates three examples (Harvard University Library, Cambridge University, and National Library of Scotland). To this, we can add National Archives at Kew.

**Detailed Condition:**

Dissected and mounted on original linen with silk selvage. Original green cloth case bearing the onlaid crest of the Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet.