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A Comparative View of the Principal Waterfalls, Islands, Lakes, Rivers, and Mountains in the Eastern Hemisphere

Stock#: 79985
Map Maker: Tallis

Date: 1851
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9 x 13.5 inches

Price: $ 175.00



Description:

Striking full-color example of a marvelous rendition of the largest mountains, longest rivers, most expansive seas, and widest islands in the eastern hemisphere of the earth. The map is decoratively engraved, and a fine example of this theme of engraving that was popular in the mid-19th century.

At the top of the map are twenty-one waterfalls, all in Europe, depicted falling in unison. Below this, the comparative sizes of seas and islands is particularly interesting: it is fascinating to see the similarities in scale between Madagascar and the Caspian Sea, or the United Kingdom and the Aral Sea. After this, we get to the longest rivers, which is not shown as the Nile but as the Yangtze and the Yenisey. Finally, the depiction of the highest mountains is particularly interesting: not only are fascinating details such as the elevation of the source of the Nile and the snow line included but also the highest elevations reached by

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hot air balloons, including Joseph Louis Gay-Lussac and Jean Baptiste Biot's trip above 7000 meters.

The map was engraved for R. Montgomery Martin's *Illustrated Atlas*, by John Tallis, one of the last great decorative map makers. His maps are prized for the wonderful vignettes of indigenous scenes, people, and artefacts they show.

Detailed Condition: