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Stock#: 83268
Map Maker: Walker / Laurie
Date: 1821 (1824)
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22.5 x 36 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately published map of the Holy Land, "From Burkhardt, Mangles, &c." and crediting noted British mapmaker John Walker as the compiler of the map.

The map is meticulously compiled, with the topographical features and finely executed color characteristic



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of Walker's work.

The credit to Burckhardt, Mangles &c. references two contemporary explorers who wrote extensively about the region in the decade before the publication of the map.

Johann Ludwig Burckhardt (also known as John Lewis, Jean Louis) (1784 - 1817) was a Swiss traveler, geographer and Orientalist. Burckhardt used the name Sheikh Ibrahim Ibn Abdallah during his travels in Arabia. He is best known for rediscovering the ruins of the ancient Nabataean city of Petra in Jordan. Burckhardt undertook an immersive study of regional culture during the last 8 years of his life, traveling expansively in Palestine and contiguous regions posing as a poor Arab man.

James Mangles FRS FRGS (1786 - 1867) was an officer of the Royal Navy, naturalist, horticulturalist and writer. He served during the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, rising to the rank of captain. In 1816, Mangles and Captain Charles Leonard Irby undertook a lengthy tour in Europe, Egypt, Syria, and Asia Minor, visiting Egypt, traveling up the Nile River with Giovanni Battista Belzoni and Henry William Beechey, and visiting the temple at Abu-Simbel. The party next crossed the desert to Baalbek and the cedars, before traveling to Aleppo, where they met William John Bankes and Thomas Legh. As a group, they made an extensive tour of Syria, including Almyra, Damascus, down the Jordan valley, to Jerusalem. Later they rounded the Dead Sea, explored Palestine. They ended their tour in Europe bound for Constantinople; but were forced to abandon the trip in Cyprus in December 1818.

Rarity

The map is extremely rare. There are no auction or dealer catalog records.

OCLC locates 3 examples, none in American Institutions.

Provenance: Leonard and Juliet Rothman Collection

Detailed Condition:

Reinforcement at fold. Short repaired tear at the top and an old repaired tear at the left side.