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Map of the Seat of War in North America

Stock#: 84359
Map Maker: Melish
Date: 1813
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Regional Map of Melish's Famed Military Atlas, A Major War of 1812 Cartographic Artifact.

Finely colored example of John Melish's map of the Theater of the War of 1812.

Published during the War of 1812 as an aid for soldiers, the map extends from Lake Michigan, Michigan Territory and Indian Territory in the southwest to the Gulf of St. Laurence. emphasizing military forts, larger settlements, major roads, distances, etc.

The map shows Dundas Street, an important early road which is shown extending from London in West Ontario to just west of Montreal, via York (Toronto). Originally intended as a military route to connect the shipping port of York (now Toronto) to the envisioned future capital of London, Ontario.

The map is one of Melish's earliest works. An important work relating to the War of 1812, and also one of the earlier authoritative treatments of the United States, preceding the general maps of Melish and Shelton & Kensett. Along with those maps, Arrowsmith's, and Abraham Bradley's, the Melish *Military Atlas* (in both editions) is an important inclusion for anyone interested in early Federal Period mapping of the United States.

Detailed Condition: