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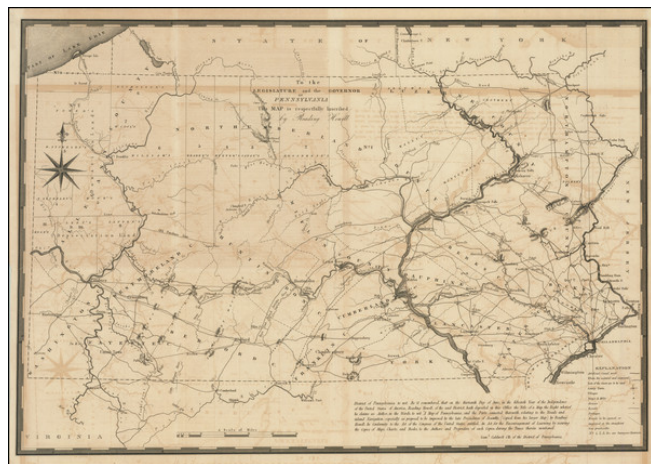
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**To the Legislature and the Governor of Pennsylvania This Map is respectfully Inscribed
by Reading Howell**

Stock#: 85264
Map Maker: Howell
Date: 1834
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition:
Size: 26 x 18 inches
Price: \$ 475.00



Description:

Rare early re-publication of Reading Howell's seminal map of Pennsylvania.

Howell's map was first issued in 1792. This edition adds the names of counties, county boundaries, surveyors districts and a number of rivers, place names, streams and roads. Several new canals are also noted. The map was originally issued in *An Historical Account of the Rise, Progress and Present State of the Canal Navigation*, c. 1795 and was reproduced here for the *American State Papers*.

The map shows roads, canals, donation lands, counties, townships and topography with an emphasis on transportation. Most settlement is along the Delaware River and the southeastern portion, as well as around Pittsburgh. Howell copied this map from his larger map of 1792, which was one of the most important maps of Pennsylvania to appear in the eighteenth century.

At the upper center, the dedication reads: "to the Legislature and the Governor of Pennsylvania this map is respectfully inscribed by Reading Howell."

Little is known about Howell's life and career. He was a surveyor and landowner, who was appointed one of three commissioners to explore the headwaters of the Susquehanna, Lehigh & Schuylkill Rivers. He produced this and a 4 sheet map in 1791, the first full maps of the state. The large map was published in London, making this map was the first map showing the entire state published in US.

Detailed Condition: