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Route Map of the India General Navigation & Railway Co.'s and Rivers Steam Navigation Co.'s Services of the Inland Waterways of North East India / Padma and Delta Mail Steamer Services

Stock#: 87801
Map Maker: India General Navigation & Railway Company / River Steam Navigation Company
Date: 1947
Place: Calcutta
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 53.5 x 31.75 inches
Price: \$ 1,400.00



Description:

Rare separately published map of the train and steamship routes of the India General Navigation & Railway Company and Rivers Steam Navigation Company through the northern eastern India and Bangladesh, printed in the Offices of the Survey of India for the two companies in 1947.

The map provides an exceptional look at transit in the region, including

- Railroad, Steamship and Barge routes (both year round and seasonal)
- Railway gauges
- Post Offices and Telegraph Offices
- Various Road Types
- Streams (navigable and seasonal)
- Canal information
- Lakes, marshes and other permanent and seasonal water features
- Boundaries

India General Navigation & Railway Company and Rivers Steam Navigation Company

India General Steam Navigation Company was established in India in 1844 to compete with the steamers of the Indian government on the Ganges, later turning its attention to Assam, where the tea industry was developing and in need of improved communications. From the 1870s onwards, the company faced much competition from Rivers Steam Navigation Company, as a result of which various working agreements



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between the two companies were reached in the 1880s. As a result of one such agreement, made in 1889, the two companies came generally to be known as the Joint steamer companies, operating many joint services but maintaining separate management.

In the early 20th century, the India General Navigation and Railway Company and the Rivers Steam Navigation Company jointly operated a network of steamboats and railways in India. This partnership played a significant role in the development of transportation infrastructure in the country, and was crucial for the growth of the Indian economy.

The Rivers Steam Navigation Company was founded in 1856 by an Englishman named William Denny, and initially operated steamboats on the Ganges River. Over time, the company expanded its operations and began operating steamboats on other rivers in India, including the Brahmaputra, the Godavari, and the Tapti.

In the early 20th century, the companies jointly operated a network of steamboats and railways, providing efficient and reliable transportation services to customers across India. This partnership was beneficial for both companies, as it allowed them to expand their operations and serve a larger customer base.

Rarity

OCLC locates 2 examples (University of Melbourne and National Library of Wales).

Detailed Condition:

Segmented and laid on linen, bound into folder with printed title.