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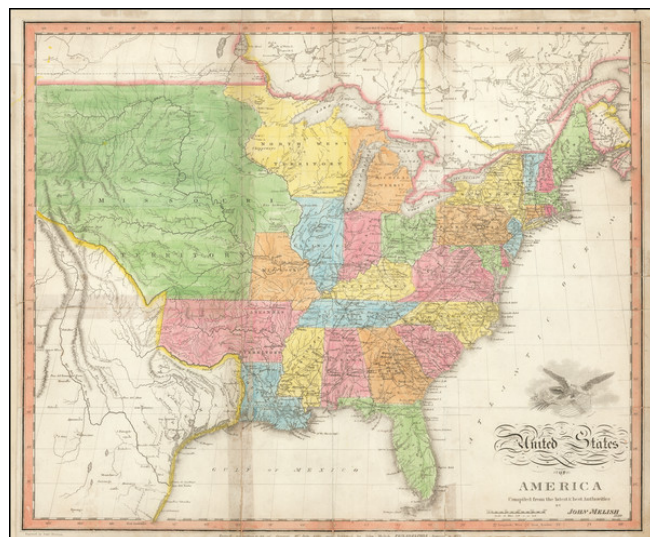
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United States Of America Compiled From the latest & best Authorities By John Melish

Stock#: 92462
Map Maker: Melish
Date: 1822
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 19.5 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 1,100.00



Description:

This 1822 edition of John Melish's influential map of the United States offers a detailed and historically significant representation of the nation's early territorial expansion, informed by the latest explorations and discoveries of the time.

John Melish's map, first issued in 1812 and regularly updated over the next decade, reflects the evolving knowledge of the United States' territories as well as the ambitions that shaped the country's westward expansion. This 1822 edition incorporates information from prominent explorers and scholars, including Lewis and Clark, Zebulon Pike, and Alexander von Humboldt. The map's extent westward reveals the developing territories of the northwest, Missouri, Arkansas, and the Mexican province, which includes Texas.

Melish's map holds a particular significance in American cartography as it visually embodies the concept of Manifest Destiny. As one of the foremost mapmakers of the 1810s and 1820s, Melish played a crucial role in shaping the understanding and representation of the United States during a period of rapid growth and territorial acquisition. His 1816 large format map of the US is widely regarded as the most important American map of the 19th century.

The 1822 edition of the map, published in Philadelphia, carries the distinction of being officially entered according to the Act of Congress on July 10, 1818. This work not only offers a valuable historical snapshot of the United States during its formative years, but also stands as a testament to the vision and craftsmanship of a key figure in American cartography, John Melish.



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Detailed Condition:

Several repaired fold splits. Tape stains partially removed. Original hand-color retouched.