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Alabama

Stock#: 94321
Map Maker: Finley
Date: 1824
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 8.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Nice example of Anthony Finley's 1824 map of Alabama.

Alabama officially became the 22nd state of the United States on December 14, 1819, only a few years prior to the creation of this map. Finley's work provides an important snapshot of the state's early years of development.

The map features a distinct color schemes to differentiate between counties, and denotes towns, roads, rivers, and mountains. The northern part of the state is particularly detailed, even though it was still sparsely populated and contained several yet-unestablished counties. Intriguingly, Finley's map prominently demarcates large areas as lands belonging to indigenous tribes, such as the Cherokee, Upper Creek Indians, Choctaw, and Chickasaw. Various forts are also clearly depicted, hinting at the presence of military establishments and the ongoing conflicts during this period.



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A unique historical quirk represented in this map is the inclusion of Decatur County, north of the Tennessee River. This county existed only from December 30, 1822, to December 26, 1825, in the northeastern part of the state, making its presence an indicator of the map's creation within this timeframe.

The map pre-dates the formation of Dale County, located between Covington and Henry Counties in the southeastern corner of the state. Dale County was not established until 1824.

Detailed Condition: