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(Napoleon in Egypt) Plan of the Operations of the British & Ottoman Forces in Egypt, From the 8th of March to the 2d of Septr. 1801, when the French were Finally expelled from that Country. Composed from materials furnished by the Quarter Master Generals Department.

Stock#: 95010
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1802
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 16.75 x 34.75 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Created by Aaron Arrowsmith and published in 1802, the *Plan of the Operations of the British & Ottoman Forces in Egypt, From the 8th of March to the 2d of Septr. 1801* provides a highly detailed account of the British and Ottoman campaign to expel French forces from Egypt. A noted British cartographer of the time, Arrowsmith based this battle plan on information gathered from the Quarter Master Generals Department, ensuring a high degree of accuracy and detail. This map focuses on the Nile River and its



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delta, starting just south of Cairo and extending northward.

One unusual feature of the map is a note indicating the "ANTIENT Bed of the LAKE MAREOTIS," a body of water south and west of Alexandria. The note mentions the lake was flooded by the British after the Battle of Alexandria, extending it for fifty leagues to the west, making it "the most Magnificent piece of Water ever formed by Artificial Means."

Additionally, there is an inset on the left side of the map showing a strip of land that includes Alexandria, with Lake Mareotis on one side and the Mediterranean Sea on the other. This precise detailing provides critical insights into the geographical context in which these historic military operations took place.

The British and Ottoman campaign depicted in this map took place during the larger context of the Napoleonic Wars. Napoleon Bonaparte had invaded Egypt in 1798, aiming to disrupt British trade routes with India and establish French influence in the region. The French occupation of Egypt, however, faced significant opposition, culminating in the expulsion of French forces in 1801, as depicted in Arrowsmith's map. This map, thus, serves as an important historical document, visually encapsulating a pivotal chapter in the intricate military and political dance of the early 19th century.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Toning along the horizontal fold.