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Geographical, Statistical and Historical Map of Arkansas Territory [Stephen Long Map]

Stock#: b0001
Map Maker: Carey & Lea
Date: 1822
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

True first appearance of Stephen Long's seminal map of the region drained by the Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri & Mississippi Rivers, one of the most important maps of the American West. Stephen H. Long led an Government expedition to the Rocky Mountains in 1819 and 1820. Following on the heels of the Lewis & Clark expedition, it is generally regarded as one of the most important early overland expeditions. While the map was produced by Long, the report of the expedition was written by Edwin James, the botanist who accompanied Long. Other members of the expedition were Thomas Say as naturalist and entomologist and Titian Peale as draughtsman. The report and map are among the 5 most important post 1850 works on the West. The map which accompanied the report was first issued by Carey & Lea in their Atlas of 1822, which preceded Carey & Lea's publication of the James in 1823. It was not uncommon for cartographic information to appear first in commercial atlases before publication of official reports, but this is one of the few instances where the map itself also appeared before the book. Wheat noted that the map represented a distinct step forward in the mapping of the West, the first to use the term Great American Desert. It corrected many errors, primarily the course of the Red River, and the corrections to the eastern slope of the Rocky Mtns. HS Tanner also spoke highly of the map in his 1823 Geographical Memoir. An excellent example. Wheat 348, 352 (James).

Detailed Condition: