



Ellicott's map of the 'Territory' of Columbia

ELLICOTT, Andrew.
 Territoire de Columbia.

Paris: 1816. 290 x 290mm.

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A detailed map of the Territory of Columbia, with the street layout of both Washington and Alexandria. An engraved line marks the '10 Mile Square', the land ceded by Maryland and Virginia to create the territory. The map is based on Andrew Ellicott's map as published in 1794. Despite the engraved date of 1815 it is one of the few maps to refer to the 'Territory', as opposed to the District created in 1801. Despite being published in Paris the map was issued in an English-language publication, David Bailie Warden's 'Chorographical and Statistical Description of the District of Columbia'. Warden (1772-1845), the Irish-born U.S. consul to Napoleonic Paris, apparently paid for a small print run. In 1819 a three-volume edition was published by Archibald Constable in Edinburgh, with a new version of this map.

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