



A geological map by the nephew of William Smith

PHILLIPS, John.

Geological Map of the British Isles and Adjacent Coast of France Constructed from Published Documents, Communications of Eminent Geologists and Personal Investigation. By John Phillips, F.R.S. G.S. and Engraved by J.W. Lowry.

London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1849-50. Lithograph with original colour. Dissected and laid on linen, as issued, total 825 x 630mm. Label of French publisher and mapseller Andriveau-Goujon on linen.

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A colourful geological map of the British Isles by John Phillips (1800-74), nephew and protégé of William Smith (creator of the first geological map of the British Isles, 1815), and an important geologist in his own right, inventing the word 'Mesozoic'. Phillips lost his parents at an early age, becoming Smith's charge, accompanying him around the country during the creation of his geological maps. Later he taught geology at Oxford University, and became Professor of Geology at the University of Dublin. He was keeper of the Ashmolean Museum from 1854-70, president of the Geological Society of London 1859-60 and president of the British Association in 1865. In 1841 he published the first global geologic time scale based on the correlation of fossils in rock strata, introducing 'Mesozoic'. A rare map: all the examples listed by COPAC all have been revised editions of 1862 (British Library, National Library of Scotland, Bristol University). We date this example to 1849-50 because of the address of the printer, Standidge & Co, at 36



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